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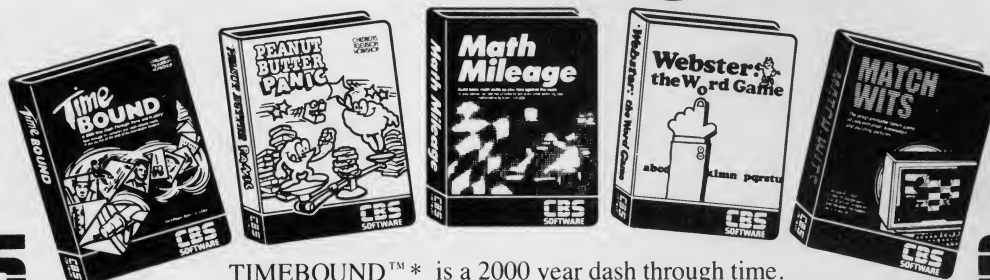
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EDITORIAL

Before I say anything about what is in this issue, I'd like to apologize to a couple of companies that were left out of last issue's article on the "Summer Consumer Electronic Show" in Chicago. They are MicroProse Software and Parker Brothers. Both of these companies had fine booths and lots of new programs but, through a disk mix up, were left out of our magazine.

First, a comment or two concerning MicroProse Software. They have been producing first class software for over two years, and as far as I know, have not yet had a loser. I have heard it rumored that they now have on the drawing board a new game, which might well be the best yet. I can attest to their popularity at the fair by the fact that their booth was extremely busy, in spite of this, the staff was always patient and courteous, willing to give attention to our interests. We have known their President Mr. Bill Steely for some time now so we should not be surprised at this display of generosity. He is not only a first class Business Administrator, having created one of the best Software Companies in existence, he is also a first class person, ever ready to provide others with the opportunity to benefit from his skills and knowledge.

MicroProse, who has brought us high quality games like Solo Flight, Hellcat Ace, Floyd of the Jungle, and Nato Commander have just released a brand new fighter pilot simulator called, fittingly, "F-15 Strike Eagle". This game features excellent 3-D graphics with both arcade action and strategy combined. Another program which impressed me was "Mig Alley Ace", a head-to-head fighter pilot simulation. Although this program is not brand new, it was new to the ROM staff. This game is reviewed in this issue by our own, "Jake The Software Dude".

Parker Brothers had quite a different type of booth. Instead of just having programs displayed, they had people dressed up like the characters in their programs. For example, for the game "Frogger II" the sequel to the arcade favourite frogger, a man was dressed in a green outfit like a frog. He would then play the game while giving a play by play commentary. Other new programs included versions of "Starwars" and "Gyruss", two popular arcade games. They were very good copies, making you feel like you were in an arcade. There was also a game called "James Bond 007", named after the famous fictitious super spy. Parker Brothers who were once famous only for their board games are now becoming popular for their computer games.

We particularly regret the omission of these comments from our last magazine. It happened to come to

our attention only after it left the printers. We hope and trust that it is not yet too late to give credit where it is richly due.

This issue contains a machine language game by Jack Chung called, "Interceptor", which in my opinion, is the best game ever to appear in a magazine. Also in this issue is a report from TARICON '84 in Detroit, "Sky Bomber" by Tom Tran, an interview with Roberta Williams from Sierra, Display List Interrupts Pt. III, and a whole lot more. The title for this issue's cover is, "Atari among the Classics".

One last thing in closing, we enjoy receiving letters from our readers. We would also like to have some suggestions on what you would like us to do in the coming year. We want to become your number one Atari only magazine.

Peter Ellison
Editor/Publisher

LETTERS

Dear ROM:

Thank you for the copies of your Atari magazine — ROM.

I was most impressed and will write them up in our User Group magazine together with your address.

I heard of ROM from reading the ACE Eugene, Oregon User Group magazine, which they just mentioned as a new magazine. Good luck in future issues.

Norman V. Pearce
Adelaide Atari Computer Club
Norwood, Australia

Dear Norman:

Thank you for your interest in ROM magazine. We're always interested in hearing from Atari Users outside of North America. I hope we will receive more letters from overseas Atari Users.

Dear ROM:

I enjoy your magazine! I am always glad to welcome another ATARI only magazine. I've enclosed a copy of an interesting approach to us Adventure game players. The giving of "hints" is really helpful and needed. What I have enclosed is from the now defunct S.T. GAME magazine (formerly SOFTLINE). I hope

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DELETER

by Bob Cockroft

One of the major disadvantages of the BASIC language is that it has no provision for erasing more than one line. Even large sections of programs must be erased line by line. This, needless to say, can become quite tiresome.

Well, the days of single line erasing are over! Below is a program that will erase as many lines as you wish. It is called the erase program and hopefully will make deleting delightful. There are no fancy machine language subroutines or little known commands, to make things complex. It works by fooling the computer into thinking that the lines are being erased one by one.

After the program is started, it will ask you for the number of the first and last lines of the block that is to be erased. Once it has these values it will begin to erase. The larger the block you want deleted, the longer it will take. But generally speaking, operation time for this program is nominal. Erasing will appear as a series of numbers being printed in a single column on a number of GRAPHIC mode 0 screens. The cursor will move from the top to the bottom of the column as if the RETURN key were continuously pressed. As far as the computer is concerned, this is what is happening. The column is a list of all possible line numbers within the block you wanted erased. (remember the beginning of the program) With each screen the cursor is POSITIONED at the top. Then, by putting the computer into "RETURN key mode", the cursor is moved down the screen, erasing as it goes. Each new screen is needed to display extra lines when there is a large block to be erased. The obvious question now is: how does one get the computer into "RETURN key mode"? Between locations 832 and 847 dec are some device regulators which are called the Input Output Control Block. (IOCB) These locations can be used to transfer data to other devices as well as to point to the address of the devices routine. POKEing 842 with 13 puts the computer into "RETURN key mode" by setting the auxiliary byte to screen input and output. POKEing 842 with 12 returns the machine to normal.

The "RETURN key mode" can be used for more than erasing. With a method similar to that used in this article, lines of data or any other commands could be added to existing programs without anyone typing them in. With more complex variations the computer

could program itself. The only limit to the ends that this type of programming will bring, is your imagination.

You may have noticed that the line numbers for this program are all very high (over 32000). This is done so that the ERASE utility does not interfere with the program in which you want to do the deleting. In order to erase, you must use untokenized files (LIST, ENTER). First, save the ERASE program listed below, using the LIST command, thus creating an untokenized file. Then do the same to the program in which you want to do deleting. Now ENTER both this program and the ERASE utility on top of each other. Finally, type GOTO 31000 on line 1 to make the utility operational.

Soon after the program is started, it will ask you whether you wish to delete the ERASE UTILITY. If you respond 'Y' then ERASE UTILITY is deleted. There is no use in having an erasing program if the program itself cannot be easily erased.

```
31000 GRAPHICS 0: DIM YN$(5): TRAP
31000: ? "Delete ERASE UTILITY(Y/N
)"
31010 INPUT YN$: IF YN$ <> "N" AND Y
N$ <> "Y" THEN POSITION 2, 1: ? "
": POSITION 2, 1: GOTO 31010
31020 POSITION 7, 2
31030 ? "First line to DELETE";
31040 INPUT SL
31050 IF SL > 30999 THEN 31000
31060 TRAP 31060
31070 POSITION 7, 4
31080 ? "Last Line to DELETE";
31090 INPUT EL
31100 IF EL < SL OR EL > 30999 THEN 3
1000
31110 PEN = EL - FL
31120 SR = INT(PEN / 15)
31130 TRAP 31320
31140 L = FL
31150 REM ** DRAW NEW SCREEN **
31160 FOR GR = 0 TO SR
31170 GRAPHICS 0
31180 POSITION 2, 5
31190 FOR DAT = 0 TO 14
31200 IF L > EL THEN 32120
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TARICON '84

by Peter Ellison

The first annual Atari Only fair, TARICON '84, was held August 25 & 26 just outside of Detroit, Michigan in the Southfield Civic Centre. This fair was sponsored and organized by two User Groups — CHAOS (Capitol Hill Atari Owners Society) and MACE (Michigan Atari Computer Enthusiasts). We were particularly impressed by the enthusiasm and courtesy of the sponsoring User Groups.

Although Atari was unable to attend the fair, they sent their support in a letter and in monetary funds.

OSS had a very busy booth because many Atari Users wanted to speak with Bill Wilkinson and Clinton Parker. OSS had three new enhancement toolkits to help write better programs in BASIC XL, ACTION!, and MAC/65. These three units have a number of programs and utilities on each single-sided disk. They were also demonstrating a new word processor called, "The Writer's Tool." Contained on one SuperCartridge, this word processor has many advanced features.



AID (Advance Interface Devices) had three new pieces of software on display. They were "R-Verter", a Seral Bus Modem Adapter, "Interfast-1", a buffered printer interface with custom character printing, and "Quill", a new BBS in ACTION!.

Alpha Systems demonstrated "Atari Software Protection Techniques", this book shows ways to stop pirates from copying your software. It comes with a disk containing all the programs in the book.

The fair had a number of seminars occurring during the weekend, including a special open forum by Bill Wilkinson called, "Everything You've Wanted To Ask." During this seminar Atari enthusiasts asked all types of questions from "What's happening at Atari" to "What Makes The XL's Better." Another very interesting seminar was "ACTION!: It's done with Mirrors!!". This was presented by Clinton Parker its



author. He demonstrated a lot of his own demos while giving a brief history of ACTION! and showed how simple it was to program. In future issues, ROM will be listing different ACTION! programs to help those people who have bought this language. These well presented seminars were no additional cost to people attending the fair.

A special meeting called, "Atari User Groups: Their Future", was attended by a number of User Group representatives. A topic discussed in this session was whether to organize an International User group called AUGI (Atari Users Groups International). This group would be a common voice for the Users to communicate with Atari. AUGI will try to ask Atari questions that wouldn't be answered to a single user. If you are a president of an Atari Users Group and are interested in AUGI then write to:

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Deleter (cont'd)

```
31210 PRINT L
31220 L=L+1
31230 NEXT DAT
31240 ? "POKE 842,12:GOTO 31270"

31250 POSITION 0,0
31260 GOTO 31500
31270 NEXT GR
31280 GRAPHICS 0
31290 POSITION 10,5
31300 ? "The lines are ERASED"
31310 GOTO 31360
31320 POSITION 3,20
31330 ? "POKE 842,12:GOTO 31270"

31340 POSITION 0,0
31350 GOTO 31500
31360 IF YN$="Y" THEN 31380
31370 END
31380 GRAPHICS 0
31390 Y=3
31400 FOR X=31000 TO 31500 STEP 1
0
31410 POSITION 3,Y
31420 ? X
31430 Y=Y+1
31440 IF Y<20 THEN NEXT X
31450 ? "POKE 842,12:GOTO 31480"

31460 POSITION 0,0
31470 GOTO 31500
31480 GRAPHICS 0:Y=3:GOTO 31440
31490 GOTO 31440
31500 POKE 842,13
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```
1 REM * CHECK DATA *
10 DATA 5882,544,545,546,547,501,
654,243,358,26,713,30,250,215,17,
284,57,352
31130 DATA 7504,27,719,977,355,11
2,248,358,506,939,740,4,892,239,3
3,944,114,297
31300 DATA 7382,269,33,290,892,23
9,33,658,688,115,644,44,281,620,7
69,667,898,242
31470 DATA 180,36,30,41,73
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Taricon '84 (cont'd)

One more thing about the fair before signing off. The fair organizers are looking for a User group or groups that are willing to sponsor next year's TARI-CON. I hope an Atari only fair becomes a common happening.

Letters (cont'd)

your magazine survives in the apparently "tough" computer-magazine market. I've had two of them that I subscribed to fold (S.T. GAMES formerly SOFT-LINE and SOFTSIDE MAGAZINE).

Since the magazine that used the above approach for Adventure game lovers folded, I thought I might present it to you to see if you would include a similar type in ROM magazine.

Gary Herman
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Gary:

Your suggestion in putting a hints section in ROM sounds quite interesting. We will need to discuss this at the next ROM staff meeting. We would very much appreciate some reader response to this type of section. Send in your tips or questions to ROM magazine in care of A.G.H.! (Adventure game help).

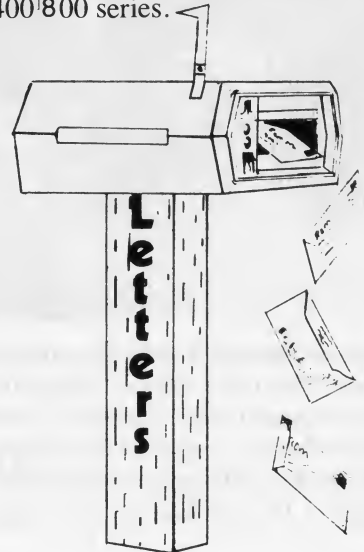
Dear ROM:

I was quite enthused to see a new Atari only magazine. I really enjoyed the machine language game, "Depth Warrior", which was printed in issue seven. It ran fine on my Atari 800 computer, but when trying it on my friend's 800XL the submarines weren't responsive to the right joystick movements. Is there a way to fix this?

Dan Morrison
Stockton, CA

Dear Dan:

The reason the joystick doesn't respond to the 800XL is that the XL series only have two joystick ports and this game was written for four. To fix this problem Jack Chung would need to nearly rewrite the movement section of the game. From now on, games in the magazine will be entirely compatible for both the XL and old 400/800 series.



Interview: ROBERTA WILLIAMS

Interviewed by Peter Ellison

Roberta Williams is known to all of her followers and fans as the one who brought graphic adventures into their homes. Back in 1980, before the graphic adventure was born, she conceived the idea that an adventure should have pictures, so she and husband Ken, created "Mystery House" and formed the company Sierra-Online. Her next creation was a science fiction mystery called "Mission Asteroid" and after that she created the first computer adventure game with color, "The Wizard and the Princess".

This changed the industry, with everyone now expecting everything to be in color. The next adventure took a year to complete and is labeled as an epic. "Time Zone" has more than 1300 full-color computer-generated images compacted onto 12 disk sides. Heralded as the first expert-level adventure with graphics, the estimated time for completing "Time Zone" is an incredible six to twelve months.

Her next adventure, "Dark Crystal", was a first, because it was the first to be based on a motion picture. Roberta then set herself to the challenge of producing an adventure game that used the full potential of today's computers. With the release of "King's Quest" she has done it. With 3-D color graphics and animation that rival the best arcade games, the new adventure brings each character to life with a large vocabulary and challenging puzzles. Although this is available only for the IBM PC with 12 8K, the Atari can play it with the "ATR 8000".



While her husband runs the company as President and Chief Executive Officer, Roberta works as Product Development and Creative Director with input into all the creative areas of the company. In addition, she designs her own games. I was able to talk with her on August 13th and had quite an enjoyable interview

which was as follows.

Q. When did you first become interested in the writing of adventure games for the computer?

A. It was in the winter of 1980.

Q. Did you ever expect "Mystery House" to become such a big hit?

A. I knew people would like it in those days because it was really different and new, but I didn't really think it would start a company the way it did.

Q. After writing "Mission Asteroid" and "Wizard and the Princess" you came out with the massive program, "Time Zone". What caused you to write such a huge game?

A. It was because in those days I played a lot of adventure games and I was always disappointed when they ended. I've always been a fan of the epic movie and if I really like something I want it to go on. I really liked adventure games and I wanted them to go on and on, so I thought maybe I wasn't the only one who was like this. I also wanted to leave my mark in this world, so I wanted to write the adventure game that would seemingly go on and on. It does end, of course, but it does go on for quite a long time. Some people like it, but it's not a best seller type because of the time required to complete it. It's for people who want to solve the ultimate adventure, those that are expert players.

Q. How long did it take you to complete "Time Zone"?

A. It took about six months.

Q. What inspired you to write an adventure after the motion picture, "The Dark Crystal"?

A. They called us and said they would like me to do an adventure game based on the movie. I think one of the reasons was because they were kind of venturing into new ground as far as this movie goes. They wanted to do whatever they could to promote it, plus the fellow who sought us out had played my adventure games before and they called us and that is why we did it.

Q. Did you feel limited in the fact that you were basing it on something fixed, limiting your ability to be creative with it?

A. Yes, and I didn't really like doing it that way because I like doing my own stories.

Q. Your latest adventure "King's Quest" features some great three dimensional animation, do you feel this will become a standard for all adventure games?

A. Its hard to say a standard because look at Infocom, no graphics at all, and they have great games. Not a standard for them but for graphic adven-

ture games, yes. It would have to be, but not immediately, because there are only a few computers that can run it because it takes 128K and so it really isn't cost effective. Plus it takes a long time to program something like that. It took us over a year and a half. We did some inventing and the inventing process takes quite a long time. It will be at least a year to a year and a half before you see something that looks like it from anybody else.

Q. I noticed that every adventure that you write is entirely different from the one before. Why is this?

A. Because it would be boring if they were all on the same topic.

Q. Have you ever thought of writing a sequel to any of your games?

A. Yes, because this week I'll be starting on the sequel to King's Quest.

Q. Where do you get most of your creative ideas for your games?

A. In the old days I would just sit down and think of a story and it would just go from there. I'd also get a lot of ideas out of books. Nowadays I seem to concentrate more on a certain type of subject, so I will get a book or books on that subject to learn about it and anything that I like I'll take notes, etc.

Q. What game are you working on at this time?

A. I'm just finishing up "Mickey's Space Adventure" as we now have Disney products. It doesn't look like King's Quest, its like the old style adventure game, but it will have some animation in it.

Q. In what direction do you see adventure games going?

A. I would like to think I have some say on how adventure games do go. I'd like to keep ahead of everyone else and if that were true I would kind of set the standard for graphic adventure games. The graphic adventure games are probably going to go more heavily into animation and sound and eventually look like a real cartoonist type of thing.

Q. What type of adventure do you most enjoy writing?

A. Fantasy or fairy tales. I would like to try and write some mystery and suspense, and would really like to write a scary adventure game. Scary, not in the sense of gory, but suspenseful, similar to the Alfred Hitchcock style. I like writing about the subjects that I have already written about. I'd also like to do a western at some time.

Q. How many of you are usually involved in one program?

A. Its myself as the writer/d esigner and project leader and depending on the size of the project is how many people we have. On King's Quest we had three programmers and three graphic artists, making a total of seven working on the same program.

Q. How long is a program tested before it is

shipped?

A. It all depends on the size of the program. We have a department called the "Quality Assurance" department or "QS" that whenever we have a program that is more or less done, the programmer gives it to them and they play with it until they are satisfied. Until they approve it, we can't ship it.

Q. What does Sierra have planned for the future?

A. The disney products will be coming out at Christmas. We have four of those including the one I did, "Mickey's Space Adventure". The other three are "Goofy's Word Factory", "Donald Duck's Playground" and an adventure game called, "Winnie the Pooh and the Hundred Acre Woods". We also have "Grog's Revenge", the sequel to "B.C.'s Quest for Tires".

Q. What do you do in you free time?

A. We live right near Fresno, California and because we live in the mountains, on Saturdays Ken and I go down to Fresno to get away from the company. We go to a lot of movies, seeing almost every movie that has ever been out. We like to eat out and we have a boat that we use a lot in the summer. In the winter we enjoy skiing in the nearby mountains.

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ATARI: A NEW BEGINNING

by Gabe Torok

Atari has become synonymous with 'Top Secret'! The staff of this security conscious private company has plugged nearly all of the leaks that at one time cascaded into the outside world. Getting verification to most of the rumours (and there are plenty) was nearly impossible. Even the partial answers provided by Atari's domestic regional President, Mr. Greg Pratt posed more questions than Zilog has chips. During my two weeks of attempting to get clarification and verification, either yay or nay, to some of those rumours, the internal changes and staff replacements were obvious. The hint of total internal reconstruction of the corporate bone structure was unmistakable.

The good ship 'Atari' is housecleaning! Mr. Tramiel is making all repairs under full steam, and it appears, from the numerous rumours, to be working. All eyes are on Atari, and the entire industry is trying to guess what Tramiel will do to save what appeared to be six months ago, a sinking ship.

There is no question as to whom is in charge. The name 'Tramiel' dominates four of the top executive doors at Atari. His three sons are providing the strong backing to turn this company around fast, against what many consider all odds. What this means is that things are going to be done, without expensive delays and with solid decisions reminiscent of precise military execution. Tramiel's reputation while leading 'the competition' has already boosted interest in Atari a hundredfold.

Third party software manufacturers are re-assessing their earlier decision to drop development or conversions for the Atari line of computers, with many programs in various stages of completion being resurrected for what promises to be an Atari Christmas. Especially if the rumours up and down the grapevine are fruitful. But ignoring these rumours for the moment, it is comforting to see ex-Atari dealers across North America, reconsidering their previous decision to cut Atari supplies to a bare minimum.

Atari's previous product distribution was, in the past, somewhat inconsistent, and appeared to be regionally imbalanced. Some retailers in one area had a surplus of goods offered them, while other regions were spoon-fed and could not meet consumer demand. It was no wonder that so many retailers were reluctantly forced into the more lucrative Commodore lines, some eventually dropping Atari altogether. The good news is that Mr. Tramiel will use his strong Marketing experience to re-evaluate and revise present distribution methods on future products.

Jack Tramiel has shown the world he has the Midas touch. It is because of this golden touch that so many rumours are surfacing from the expectant industry-wise on-lookers. Mr. Tramiel is known for his unorthodox approach and gilt-edged results, no matter how incompatible his next computer is with the last. Is it true that the XL series of computers are being considered for a Christmas present to the public at \$49.95 for the 600XL and \$149.95 for the 800XL? "Absolutely not!" says Greg Pratt. But when I called him back a few days later with the revised version of that rumour, the denial was not quite so definite. The word was that Atari will announce a new price for the 800XL (around \$169.00) and a new improved version of the same computer for about \$200.00. The clincher to this rumour is that all these computers will be sold through mass merchandisers at this new low price.

Other rumours from the fans of the old 800 have crossed this country several times. The word is we can look forward to perhaps an expandable version of the Atari 800, by far the best and most underestimated computer in it's class. To this, Greg Pratt replied "Ridiculous. Production costs were too high."

So where does all this leave us? We're back to guessing about the mysterious 1450XLD? Why not. From the overimaginative rumour mill comes word of a new 32-bit machine at half the cost of the Macintosh to be announced sometime this year. Now this would make sense, if the 1450 is being re-vamped with a 68000 microprocessor, and perhaps comes complete with the hottest new Unix (or Zenix) operating system. It also makes sense in that any new computer coming out from Mr. Tramiel's past has not shared compatibility with it's predecessor. Still it made money.

But someone is confusing rumours! It may be true that Atari will be competing with a 32-bit machine, or even a true 16-bit, but why would they pick the Motorola 68000? There are many good microprocessors available that do not have the same 'copying' connotations this chip would most definitely induce. Why not follow up the rumour of Mr. Tramiel's recent purchase of over two million 8086 chips from Intel? This would be the ideal microprocessor chip for the future of Atari. A true 16-bit processor on a 16-bit bus. I can sure see this machine fly into the top position on the annual sales bar graph!

Then there is the 1450 XLD, tooled and ready to go. What better vehicle for this new chip? But to compete, we need a reliable but inexpensive disk

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drive, and to date, I have not been able to learn who sold Atari thousands of disk drives in the beginning of August.

The next CES will be worth the trip a thousand times over. Will Commodore introduce yet another computer, and will they already have the announcement written that it will not go into production? Will it meet with the same yawns as their last two efforts? They certainly do not have the time to develop a new computer, but will they take a previous prototype and, depending on the excitement it creates, go into production? Not likely.

Not to be outperformed on the lower end will be IBM. The revised version of the PCjr and the lowered price has started to make a (very) small dent in the marketshare, but is expected to gain more popularity. Their recent introduction of the IBM AT (Advanced Technology) has begun to force the price of the PC and XT unto a gentle slalom course. But IBM set a very important standard in the industry, that is why everyone is trying to copy them. Even now, with a very attractive price, I could turn my Atari into an IBM compatible (MS-DOS) machine, by tapping into SWP Microcomputer Products Inc.'s full blown ATR 8000, and, pardon the pun, get CP/M 80 and 86 to boot.

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BEGINNER'S LINE GOING TO TOWN PROJECT - Pt. II

by Geoff Corry

Now that summer's almost over, we can think about what we are going to do in Atari computing. Maybe join a user's group. But where? In the Greater Vancouver area you can call 942-6115 or in the Lower Fraser Valley, call 530-1793 in Langley. Irwin Electronics toll free Atari support line in Toronto, has a new number; 800-268-1732, replacing the old 268-1784. They will give you a list over the phone of user groups in your area of Canada. In the U.S., call Atari at 1-800-538-8543 or (408) 942-6827, to find out if there is a group in your area. We are responding to a letter, see last issue, requesting an up-to-date list of user groups. I am going to ask for your help on this one: if you belong to a group, either in the U.S. or Canada, please have your representative drop a line to ROM, Box 252, Maple Ridge, B.C., Canada, V2X 7G1, or phone (604) 462-9128 or 462-9177, giving the name of the group, where and when you meet, and a contact phone number for other's to reach you. User's groups are a great way for Atarians to meet, to exchange ideas or help solve problems in games, programming, or hardware, and what other's think of new products that are available.

Back to the Project. In Issue 6 of ROM, (I goofed off in the last issue), we were talking about memory. Talking about goofs, there were some small ones in my last article. First, the 2 lines at the bottom of column 1 on page 13, should be under the Memory Map in column 2. On page 14, the list at the top of column 2 came down with a severe case of wrap-around. Suffice to say, the smaller numbers refer to the 16K Atari with tape drive. The Display Lists on page 15 got a little silly at the end. Knock off the 0's at the end of each list, and on the second list, move the 6 next to the 15 to make 156. I must remind you that these D/L's were only valid for the GR.0 display, the mode you were in when running MEMADDR. Changing the D/L is done automatically when you change the Graphic mode, or it can be modified by poking new values into the D/L within a program. Bob did this in last issue's Page Flipping article, and so shall we in this month's topic.

To Scroll or not to Scroll, That is the Question.

With apologies to the Bard of Stratford, this question comes up when considering the design of a program. Scrolling uses up a lot of memory, but gives you the advantage of seeing a larger layout or picture without the loss of detail. Programs such as Visicalc

for business, word processors, graphic art programs, and some games use this technique. Graphic adventure games, such as Gateway to Apshai or Questron, partly owe their success to the scrolling feature. It is all there, and by using the arrow keys or joystick, you can move anywhere in the layout or picture. Also an element of surprise can be added with this feature (maybe in Visicalc too).

Graphic 0 displays 40 columns by 24 lines for a full screen of 40X24 or 960 possible character positions. The screen memory has to be the same size to accommodate the internal character code for each position. To scroll 4 screens across as well as 4 screens down, will require 16X960 or 15K of screen memory. To have these screens available without reloading is possible only with lots of memory. The higher graphic modes are even more demanding, 4200 bytes 8138 bytes per screen for GR.7 and GR.8 respectively. These last totals include the larger display lists required with these modes. All is not lost however, the memory requirements can be shortened by only scrolling part of the screen. Seven Cities of Gold, Flag Capture, and Ultima 3 all use this option. Another way to beat the memory block is to load in sections of the display as required; Questron, for one, uses this method.

To produce a colorful and pleasing display, we should not consider Basic modes 1 to 6, which give a blocky or less colorful display. The G.T.I.A. modes 9-11 which require as much screen memory as Gr.8, may be considered, but we will leave that to another article.

So you see, a game design and graphic requirements depend on how much memory is available. Those of you with 16K machines have already looked around the stores, but only so many packages, '32K or 48K required' will be printed. Now you know why. The way to still have a good looking game that works with 16K, involves compromises. Partial loading of hi-res. screens means a wait for that 8K of memory to be replaced. Speed of play drops and interest wains if you are sitting there, waiting, especially with a tape drive. Some adventure games and the educational series from Dorsett are on tape and load as you go and you don't notice the delay.

Let's hear from you who are limited by 16K of memory and a 410 or 1010 Program Recorder, and if there is enough response, we will devote a separate column to adapt the Going To Town Project to your capabilities. Send your replies to the address in the

first paragraph. Those of you with disk drives have probably upgraded your machines, as a 16K unit with DOS only has 7.5K of free memory. We request that you send your replies in time for the next issue, so speak out!

In my last article, I described the Graphic 0 display list. This list contains all the instructions that the ANTIC chip in your computer requires to process the screen memory data into a pseudo television camera signal suitable for your T.V. or monitor. By altering the D/L, we can get ANTIC to start looking for it's data in various parts of memory. Bob Cockroft's article on page flipping uses the same idea, except he jumps a full screen each time by getting ANTIC to look at a different display list heading the desired picture data. This way he can switch graphic modes for each display. With scrolling, we will be staying in the same mode, but looking at adjacent areas of screen memory, which has been predesigned to be larger than a screenfull. Before we go on let's have a closer look at the display list.

The display list is a work schedule for ANTIC that is loaded into the computer memory when you turn it on. It is the same list that we saw in the last article, producing a blue GR.0 screen. If Basic is installed, we get the characters for 'READY' loaded into the bottom of screen memory and relayed by ANTIC to your T.V. at the top left. If you don't have Basic in, DUP.SYS will put the DOS menu into screen memory and on to your T.V. Without either, you will get 'MEMO PAD' put into screen memory by the Operating System. Now look at Table 1 for a byte by byte run down of the GR.0 display list.

Now that you have looked at this table, you can see that ANTIC has a fair job to do. But you ain't seen nothing yet, folks, wait till you see a GR7 or GR8 display list. The ANTIC chip lives up to it's name. It does this list 60 times a second, and keeps it up until you change graphic mode, POKE 559,0 to give it a rest, or turn off the computer.

Now this has been pretty heavy going, but if you want more on display lists, see Mapping The Atari, by Ian Chadwick (COMPUTE! Books), Appen.8 on page 171, or Chapter 2 of Advanced Programming Techniques for Your ATARI by Linda Schreiber (TAB Books). Tricky Tutorial #1 by Santa Cruz Software is an excellent disk for learning about D/L's. Oh, see Issue 2 of ROM for more on DL's.

Let's take a break and type in listing #1, a joystick reader using some logic statements to control the value of two variables, X and Y, with the stick position.

10 POSITION 2,2:? "READING THE JOYSTICK USING LOGIC"

BYTE NO.	INST. LINES	SCAN	DESCRIPTION
0	112	8	This first instruction, found by PEEK(560)+256*PEEK(561), tells ANTIC to display a blank GR.0 line.
1,2	112	16	Two more blank lines. This makes sure that information is not hidden under the top of the T.V. screen.
3	66	8	This is the first byte of the Load Memory Scan. This byte is made up of 64 plus the ANTIC mode number; in this case 2. The 64 tells ANTIC to prepare for the screen memory address in the next two bytes. The 2 specifies the first Basic GR.0 useable line.
4	64	0	The low byte of screen memory.
5	60	0	The high byte of screen memory.
	or		Multiply this byte by 256 and
	156		add the low byte 64, to get
			15424 for a 16K memory, or
			156*256+64=40068 for a 48K mem.
6-28	2	184	These are the 23 GR.0 lines completing the screen display.
29	65	0	This Jump Instruction tells ANTIC to go to the display list address in the next two bytes, after waiting for the VBLANK signal from the GTIA chip. This ensures a steady T.V. picture.
30	32	0	Low byte of the display list.
31	60	0	High byte of the D/L address.
	or		These numbers can be seen by
	156		'? PEEK(560)' and '? PEEK(561)'
32 bytes	216		Total number of scan lines. Ignoring the 24 blank lines at the top, then the required number is 192 for all modes.

TABLE 1 GR.0 DISPLAY LIST

20 POSITION 4,4:? "THESE TAKE THE FORM OF: -"

30 POSITION 6,6:? "100 ST=STICK(0)"

40 POSITION 6,7:? "110 X=X+(ST=7)-(ST=11)"

50 POSITION 6,8:? "120 Y=Y+(ST=13)-(ST=14)"

100 ST=STICK(0):POKE 752,1


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110 X=X+(ST=7)-(ST=11)
120 Y=Y+(ST=13)-(ST=14)
130 POSITION 15,10:?"ST=";PEEK(632);" "
140 POSITION 10,12:?"X=";X;" "
150 POSITION 20,12:?"Y=";Y;" "
200 GOTO 100

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Line 10 may get some of you wondering what the bent arrow means, and how do you type it in. This symbol clears the screen when you run the program, and you type it in by hitting the ESC key and then hold down the CTRL key and hit CLEAR. Some programs will list this symbol as the right brace (wiggly bracket), because most printers will interpret this control code that way. You have probably typed in lines similar to lines 110 and 120 and wondered what's going on here. In this case, the part in brackets is tested for 'true' or 'false'. If true, then a 1 is substituted, if false then a 0 replaces the bracket sandwich. In line 100, the ST=STICK(0) is Basic's way of ST=PEEK(632), looking at the number that is in the stick register for each position of the stick. I have done it that way in line 130 to show the values. When the stick is at rest, a 15 is in the register. Move the stick to the right and a 7 now appears. In line 110 this puts a 1 in place of the first bracket sandwich because ST=7. ST is not 11 so the second sandwich is 0. Boy, all this is making me hungry. Now X = +1-0. Move the stick to the left and line 110 becomes X = +0-1, because ST is now 11. This way of writing logic statements is a bit more elegant than:- 110 IF ST=7 THEN X=X+1:IF ST=11 THEN X=X-1 Line 120 does the same thing to variable Y. A 13 in the register increases the value, and a 14 decreases the value of Y. If we were in a flying saucer looking down at Earth, when we go forward, we expect to see the terrain scroll down. Easy! Just substitute the two register numbers or change the signs like this:

Y = Y + (ST=14)-(ST=13) or
Y = Y -(ST=13) + (ST=14) which does the same thing.

Now if we want to control something on the screen, we can't let it fall off the edge, otherwise we get good old ERROR 141 (cursor out of range), so let's add four more lines to our little logic demo:

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160 X = X + 1*(X<1)-1*(X>38)
170 Y = Y + 1*(Y<1)-1*(Y>22)
180 POSITION X,Y:?"[CTRL-T]"
190 FOR W=1 TO 50:NEXT W

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Here the logic statements prevent X from being less than +1 or greater than 38. Y can only range from 1 to 22. Here the meat in the bracket sandwiches has been changed to devilled egg. No, sorry about that. We have used the '<' and '>' symbols instead of the

equal sign. The procedure is similar though, if X in line 160 is less than 1, then the first logic sandwich becomes 1 and X is increased by 1, fighting the attempt of the stick moved to the left and line 110 to make X smaller. Likewise with the stick moved to the right and line 110 making X larger, when it gets above 38, logic sandwich #2 becomes 1, multiplies it with -1 to make sure X never gets bigger than 38. Line 170 keeps Y between 1 and 22 in the same manner. A less elegant way of writing line 160 would be:-

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160 IF X<1 THEN X=1:IF X>38 THEN X=38
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Now those for who are having trouble with line 180; this line is intended to put the ball character wherever the values of X and Y take it. Use the same method as in line 10. Don't type [CTRL T], but hold the CTRL key down and hit T. This technique will come in useful, when we move a character across the screen and we want the screen to scroll when we get near the boundaries. Line 190 is a delay loop that slows the ball down a bit; try different values from 10 to 100 and see what happens. Do you know why some of the printing gets wiped out by the ball, and some doesn't? Line 200 will give you the clue.

Let's get back to scrolling. We have spent quite a bit of time on the Display List because modifying it is how you create the scrolling effect. Look at Table 1 again. In the middle you will see bytes 4 and 5. These bytes point to the start of screen memory, which for GR.0 mode, starts at memory location 15424 or 40000, depending how much memory you have. In that location is the character for the top left of the screen. The first 40 memory locations store all the characters for the first line. Next is stored the 40 characters for line 2, and on down to the end of line 24. Here comes the important bit! By changing byte 4, we can get ANTIC to start picking up memory anywhere along the memory list. The '2' in byte 3 and bytes 6 to 28 tell ANTIC to display 24 GR.0 lines from where we tell it to start. If our number exceeds 255 in byte 4, we have to carry 1 into byte 5 and subtract 256 from byte 4. conversely, if we reduce byte 4 below 0, we have to subtract 1 from byte 5 and add 256 to byte 4. This is the same old game you have been playing for years, except you did it when numbers exceeded or fell below 100. While you are thinking about that, type in listing 2, and we will show you what we mean:-

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40 LIST
50 TRAP 40000:TRAP 50
60 DL=PEEK(560)+256*PEEK(561)
70 DL4=DL+4:DL5=DL+5
80 PDL4=PEEK(DL+4)
90 ST=STICK(0)

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INTERCEPTOR

by Jack Chung



It was just after the Abarac War that a power struggle began in the small country of Zimalia on the planet Zapher. This country, always being in political turmoil, was hard to control until one man, Maneca, took over as its ruler. He did it through force because he controlled a very powerful army that would do anything to move up in position. Its members were mercenaries and Maneca had a lot of capital to pay for their services. People who opposed him would mysteriously disappear, never to be seen again. This is where our story begins. . . .

"Mother, where is father?"

"Son, your father won't be coming home."

"Where has he gone?"

"I'll tell you only if you promise not to do anything hasty."

"I promise", Rick said with a puzzled look on his face.

"Your father has been killed by one of the government's assassins", she blurted out while crying.

"Why, he never did anything wrong in his life", Rick said as a tear dropped from his eye.

"Your father was involved in an underground operation to overthrow the government. You're going to have to leave the house until it's safe to come back, because they'll be coming for us next."

There was a knock. Rick opened the door to see two large men dressed in dark clothing.

"These are the men who will take care of you. Go with them. I love you!"

They embraced one another, both having tears streaming from their eyes. Rick had a feeling that he would never see his mother again as the two men escorted him to the vehicle parked outside. As they made their way down the road the darker man began to speak.

"My name is Franz, and this is Mark."

"Hello, my name is Rick."

"Yes, we know. Your father told us all about you. We'll be taking you to a place that we now call home. Our organization is called F.F.A.D., which means Freedom Fighters Against Dictators. Do you want to help destroy the person who killed your father?"

"I'll do anything to get that bloody murderer!" Rick yelled with his eyes gleaming with hate.

"You will be going into a special driving training course, as this is the only chance we have of destroying the President."

For the next three years Rick worked very hard in training, just for the one chance of revenge. Finally the day arrived. The Commander in charge had received information on the route that the President would be taking to his next inspection. He needed a volunteer to drive their newly designed car called the "Interceptor". This car was armed with nuclear missiles that could be directed by the driver.

Rick was the first to volunteer. The commander was reluctant to choose him, because he had been very close to Rick's father and didn't want anything to happen to Rick. After a long discussion the Commander felt this was the best man for the job. The car was equipped with an energy tank that could hold only 250 units of energy because of the speed needed to catch the President's vehicle.

To compensate for the small amount of fuel that it could hold many trucks were stationed along the route to refuel it. They go quite slowly so you must look for them carefully. On the control panel there are five instruments. They are MILE (cars to base), ENERGY (starts out at 250 and goes down with time and crashes), GEAR (1, 2, or 3 depending on the number pushed on the computer), PO (number of cars until the President's car), and MISSILE (number of missiles left). The President's car is travelling at the speed that would be the equivalent of 2nd gear. To gain at all on his car you must travel in 3rd gear, which means you must drive your best. You, now as Rick Morrison, must take control of the Interceptor and kill the President before he reaches the Base and makes his speech.

This game, using multicolor player/missile graphics for the cars, is the first in the Interlock Series. It is designed to keep any lover of driving games entertained for hours. To control the car you move the joystick left and right to steer from side to side. To slow down, pull back, and to speed up, push forward. Avoid hitting other cars by either destroying them with your missiles or by swerving. Also, don't move onto the side of the road. All these things reduce energy points quickly. When your energy points reach zero your game is over. To restart the game push the space bar. It's best to travel in third gear because this is the only way you'll be able to catch the President's car. Once you reach it, destroy it with your missiles.

To refuel, all that is needed is to touch the refuelling truck. This truck is green with a square box in the back. It is completely different from all of the other vehicles. The longer you touch it, the more fuel you'll get. Remember, if you get more than 250, it rolls over and starts from zero, so be careful. I found that you should change down to first gear when coming near the refuelling truck. To figure out when the next truck will be coming count the cars that pass. A new truck comes every twentieth car. It's good to play this game with two people, one at the controls and the other gearing down and counting cars.

You must destroy President Maneca's car before it reaches the base or you lose the game. Have fun, and drive carefully.

The game is in four different parts, including the assembler listing which doesn't need to be typed in to

play the game. The first program redefines the character set, the second one loads in the main program (machine code), and the third one loads in the basic set up of the game. When typing in the program, name the first program as CHAR.DAT, the second PROGRAM.BAS, and the third BASIC.BAS. This will then run all three programs when you run CHAR.DAT. If you're a cassette user, save each program by typing SAVE "C:". Then, at line 60 in program one, change it to RUN "C:" and at line 110 in program two do the same thing. Then make sure the programs are saved in the right order on your cassette.

This game runs on 48K and can be played by 1 to 2 players with a joystick. This game can be acquired by sending \$3.00 and a blank disk or cassette to:

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Basic Listing

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10 REM *****
11 REM *THIS IS PART1 ONE *
20 REM *BY JACK CHUNG      *
30 REM *****
40 REM
50 FOR I=28672 TO 29696:READ X:PO
KE I,X:NEXT I
60 RUN "D:PROGRAM.BAS"
1000 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,85,85,8
5,85,85,85,85,85,255,255,255,255,
255,255,255,255
1010 DATA 150,150,150,150,150,150
,150,150,60,60,60,60,60,60,60,60,
230,170,242,36,72,158,170,206
1020 DATA 112,216,168,222,170,182
,202,126,56,40,40,56,0,0,0,0,28,3
6,72,80,80,72,36,28
1030 DATA 112,72,36,20,20,36,72,1
12,254,170,198,146,198,170,254,0,
56,40,238,130,238,40,56,0
1040 DATA 0,0,0,0,56,40,88,96,0,0
,252,132,252,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,112,
80,112
1050 DATA 6,10,20,40,80,160,192,0
,124,198,178,170,154,186,198,124,
56,104,72,104,40,108,68,124
1060 DATA 252,134,250,26,36,94,13
0,254,252,134,250,36,58,250,134,2
52,12,20,36,84,182,130,246,28
1070 DATA 254,130,190,132,250,186
,198,124,28,36,92,134,186,186,198

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,124,254,130,250,20,40,40,40,56
1080 DATA 124,198,186,68,186,186,
198,124,124,198,186,186,130,116,1
36,240,112,80,112,0,112,80,112,0

1090 DATA 112,80,112,0,112,80,176
,224,24,40,80,160,160,80,40,24,0,
252,132,252,132,252,0,0
1100 DATA 96,80,40,20,20,40,80,96
,124,198,186,250,22,28,20,28,124,
198,186,162,166,190,194,126
1110 DATA 124,198,186,186,130,186
,170,238,252,134,186,132,186,186,
134,252,124,198,186,174,174,186,1
98,124
1120 DATA 248,140,182,186,186,182
,140,248,124,198,186,142,190,186,
198,124,124,198,186,142,184,160,1
60,224
1130 DATA 124,198,190,160,174,186
,198,124,238,170,186,130,186,170,
170,238,254,130,238,40,40,238,130
,254
1140 DATA 14,10,10,10,234,186,198
,124,230,170,180,136,136,180,170,
238,224,160,160,160,160,190,130,2
54
1150 DATA 254,130,170,170,186,170
,170,238,238,186,154,170,178,170,
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,254,198,170,84,40,40,84,170,198

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,31,24,24,24
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1230 DATA 0,0,0,248,248,24,24,24,

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10 REM *****
20 REM *PART II -----
30 REM *MAIN PROGRAM      *
40 REM *BY JACK CHUNG     *
50 REM *****
100 FOR I=32768 TO 35800:READ X:P
OKE I,X:NEXT I
110 RUN "D:BASIC.BAS"

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,11,141,149,132,169,24,141
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230,162,24,142,142,132,174,142,13
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,32,207,132,173,142,137,32,149

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2,141,52,136,169,5,141,147,137
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,10,141,162,134,169,27,141,164,13
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1280 DATA 137,76,203,130,201,31,2
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,132,2,208,31,169,1,141,145,137
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1,143,137,173,170,134,56,233,8,14
1,144,137,173,142,137,240,3,32
1340 DATA 64,137,169,1,141,30,208
,238,73,139,173,73,139,201,30,144
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,16,9,12,157,74,3,32
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 ,50,50,52,52,54,54,86,86,84
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 1870 DATA 208,192,169,0,141,168,1
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1880 DATA 60,231,36,60,36,0,24,60
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60,36,0,24,60
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1910 DATA 36,36,219,219,195,0,102
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36,219,219,195,0,90,126
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1940 DATA 60,255,60,255,102,90,12
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1960 DATA 24,0,0,0,36,60,165,165,
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1970 DATA 231,231,219,24,195,102,
60,24,153,153,153,0,60,126,126,12
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143,137,141,4,208,173,144
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53,0,115,200,232,224,8,144
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10,141,144,137,168,169,1,162,0,15
3,0,115,200,232,224,8,144,247
2010 DATA 172,144,137,192,10,176,
14,169,0,141,145,137,141,2,210,14
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137,140,217,137,140,218,137,201,
100,144,10,56,233,100,238
2030 DATA 216,137,201,100,176,246
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2100 DATA 169,1,141,30,208,169,11
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2110 DATA 169,1,141,0,6,76,115,13
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153,0,117,200,232,238,168,134,17
3,168,134,201,18,208,236,96,0
2150 DATA 0,24,255,60,255,0,0,0,0
126,0,0,129,0,129,0,0,24,60,255,
60,0,0,0
2160 DATA 0,126,0,0,0,129,0,0,0,3
6,195,195,195,60,36,66,126,0,126,
126,195,219,195,90
2170 DATA 126,36,195,195,195,60,3
6,66,126,0,126,126,195,219,195,90
126,0,24,255,235,199,60,36
2180 DATA 0,28,60,60,155,199,213,
0,0,0,24,60,231,52,60,42,32,25,60
54,68,215,16,100
2190 DATA 8,60,126,56,48,28,235,1
02,90,122,110,90,0,40,2,203,4,60,
126,255,60,239,247,96
2200 DATA 90,126,118,84,159,4,229
131,32,0,250,162,0,160,21,169,0,
32,207,132,169,1,141,240
2210 DATA 2,160,0,140,168,134,172
168,134,185,119,139,32,164,246,2
38,168,134,172,168,134,192,80,144

2220 DATA 237,160,0,140,168,134,9
6,32,32,32,32,77,73,76,69,58,32,4
8,48,48,32,73,78,84
2230 DATA 69,82,67,69,80,84,79,82
32,69,78,69,82,71,89,58,32,48,48

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,48,32,32,32,32
2240 DATA 32,71,69,65,82,58,32,48
,48,48,32,80,67,58,32,48,48,48,32
,32,32,32,32,77
2250 DATA 73,83,83,76,69,58,32,48
,48,48,32,32,32,140,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
,0,0,0
2260 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
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10 REM *****
20 REM *THIS IS PART #3*
30 REM *****
100 U=USR(32843)
110 IF PEEK(1536)=1 THEN 300
120 GOTO 400:REM IF PEEK(1536)=2
THEN 400
300 POKE 54286,128:GOSUB 1000:POK
E 764,255
310 POSITION 12,21:? "**GAME OVER
**"
311 IF PEEK(764)=33 THEN POKE 82,
2:GOTO 100
320 FOR T=1 TO 100:NEXT T
330 POSITION 12,21:? "
"
340 IF PEEK(764)=33 THEN POKE 82,
2:GOTO 100
350 FOR T=1 TO 100:NEXT T:GOTO 31
0
400 POKE 54286,128:GOSUB 1000:POK
E 764,255
410 POSITION 2,21:? " YOU CO
MPLETED THE COURSE."
411 REM IF PEEK(1538)=0 THEN 500

420 ? " AND KILLED THE RED COMMU
NIST SOB."
430 FOR T=1 TO 1000:NEXT T:GOSUB
1000
440 POSITION 2,21:? " A JOB
WELL DONE....."
450 IF PEEK(764)=33 THEN POKE 82,
2:GOTO 100
460 GOTO 450
500 IF PEEK(1538)=0 THEN ? "
BUT DID NOT KILL THE PRESIDENT"

510 FOR T=1 TO 1000:NEXT T
520 GOSUB 1000
530 POSITION 2,21:? " THE M
ISSION IS ABORTED...."
540 IF PEEK(764)=33 THEN POKE 82,
2:GOTO 100
550 GOTO 540
1000 POSITION 2,21:? "
"
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1010 ? "

":RETURN

DATA CHECK

1 REM DATA CHECK PART 1-INTERCEPT
OR

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10 DATA 9408,384,811,662,386,547,
991,556,210,848,372,686,668,794,8
90,3,58,542
1100 DATA 8216,813,448,434,312,16
5,430,452,148,62,700,307,994,812,
229,319,705,886
1270 DATA 11777,889,587,441,303,6
80,863,864,865,866,867,868,869,87
0,862,863,220
0,452,148,62,700,307,994,812,229,
319,705,886
1270 DATA 11777,889,587,441,303,6
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1 REM DATA CHECK PT2-INTERCEPTOR

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10 DATA 8448,342,555,651,632,346,
20,418,58,823,922,620,788,701,508
,733,191,140
1100 DATA 12553,842,995,87,745,92
4,620,922,999,586,922,846,734,787
,791,738,65,950
1270 DATA 11871,111,951,894,434,9
43,989,933,805,303,29,980,761,961
,977,49,779,972
1440 DATA 9353,12,880,781,900,346
,283,470,789,511,434,569,457,810,
335,170,661,945
1610 DATA 10012,736,990,877,96,60
,894,139,55,899,604,768,782,620,8
86,939,23,644
1780 DATA 9636,753,579,687,726,93
7,912,71,902,55,291,65,853,97,599
,468,886,755
1950 DATA 9883,84,304,758,710,720
,877,762,628,109,790,675,145,793,
923,12,807,786
2120 DATA 7465,942,30,889,780,342
,834,268,493,618,112,437,274,239,
720,487
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1 REM DATA CHECK PT3-INTERCEPTOR

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10 DATA 9132,258,590,260,69,713,5
27,554,409,659,658,877,661,212,55
5,357,980,793
430 DATA 8127,375,818,663,839,981
,707,947,358,663,839,639,298
590,260,69,713,527,554,409,659,65
8,877,661,212,555,357,980,793
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00010 *****.LI OFF*****
00020 *****The Interceptor*****
00030 * BY JACK CHUNG *
00040 * FOR ATARI WITH *
00050 * 48 K *
00060 * *
00070 * *
00080 * This is the first of *
00090 * the INTERLOCK (c) *
00100 * series. *
00110 *****
00120 *****
00130 ;
00140 ;
00150 ;
00160 ;
00170 STATE .EQ 1536
00180 KBCODE .EQ 764
00190 RANDOM .EQ $D20A
00200 VERTI .EQ $200
00210 DRACTL .EQ $22F
00220 DLST .EQ $230
00230 GRACLT .EQ $D01D
00240 PHBASE .EQ $D407
00250 COLPMO .EQ $02C0
00260 HPOSP0 .EQ $D000
00270 HPOSP1 .EQ $D001
00280 HPOSP2 .EQ $D002
00290 HPOSP3 .EQ $D003
00300 PCOLOR0 .EQ 704
00310 PCOLOR1 .EQ 705
00320 PCOLOR2 .EQ 706
00330 PCOLOR3 .EQ 707
00340 STICK .EQ $0278
00350 TRIG0 .EQ $D010
00360 NMEN .EQ $D40E
00370 PRIOR .EQ $026F
00380 SOUND .EQ $D200
00390 SCREEN .EQ 560
00400 LDM .EQ $84
00410 JVB .EQ $41
00420 WSYNC .EQ $D40A
00430
00440 ADR .EQ $80
00450
00460 .OR $8000
00461 .TA $2600
00462 .TF "D:CAR.BIN"
00470 RIGHT .EQ $8
00480 LEFT .EQ $4
00490 DOWN .EQ $2
00500 UP .EQ $1
00510 VSPED .EQ 2
00520
00530 PLAYER .EQ $7000
00540 SPRITE .EQ $CC
00550 ;
00560 ;
00570 DSP .HS 7070F0
00580 .DA $44
00590 .DA #0
00600 .DA #0
00610 .DA $84
00620 .DA #LDM
00630 .DA #LDM
00640 .DA #LDM
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00010 *****START*****
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PLA #0
LDA #0
JSR GRAPHICS
LDA #0
STA $2C6
STA $2C5
STA CRASHED
STA DEADPRESIDENT
JSR WRITE
LDA #50
STA NMISSE
LDA #1
STA RAMSPEED
LDA #150
STA MILES
LDA #50
JSR RND
CLC
ADC #50
STA PRESIDENT
LDA #0
STA STATE
LDA #250
STA ENERGY
LDA #0
STA 559
LDA #1
STA 752
LDA #DSP
STA 560
LDA /DSP
STA 561
LDA 88
LDA DSP+4
LDA 89
LDA DSP+5
LDA #70
STA 756
LDA #DLI
STA 512
LDA /DLI
STA 513
LDA #11
STA ROADX
LDA #24
STA ROADX1
LDA #0
STA XTEMP
STA XTEMP
LDA #94
STA XBORDER
LDA #33
STA PAVEMENT
LDA #A8
STA LOADNESS
LDA #112
STA OX
LDA #100
STA OY
LDA #50
STA FAST
LDA #1
STA RAMSPEED
LDA #120

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LDA #34
LDY #22
JSR POSITION
LDA NMISSE
JSR PRINTNUM
LDA #34
LDY #21
JSR POSITION
LDA ENERGY
JSR PRINTNUM
LDA #19
LDY #22
JSR POSITION
LDA PRESIDENT
JSR PRINTNUM
LDA STATE
BEQ CON
RTS
JMP MAIN
JMP MAIN
BEQ .1
JSR CRASH
JMP TT
JSR RSTICK
JSR MOVE
LDA 53260
CMP #3
BCC TT
LDA AMUCARON
BEQ .3
LDA NMISSE
CLC
ADC #20
STA NMISSE
LDA #1
STA 53279
LDA ENERGY
CLC
ADC #5
STA ENERGY
JMP TT
LDA GOTHIT
BNE TT
LDA #1
STA CRASHED
LDA #0
STA MISSLEON
STA SOUND+2
STA SOUND+3
LDY #0
STA PLAYER+$300,Y
INY
BNE XX
JSR RAMCAR
JSR ENGINE
LDA 53256
BEQ NEXT2
LDA #52
;EXPLO

;EN
;LE
;BACK
;BASIC
;DRAW
;BACK
;EXPLO

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00650	.DA #LDM	5	STA RX	SION	STA PCOLOR2
00660	.DA #LDM	6	LDA #0	03020	LDA #72
00670	.DA #LDM	7	STA RY	03030	STA PCOLOR3
00680	.DA #LDM	8	LDA #1	03040	LDA #1
00690	.DA #LDM	9	STA HSPEED	03050	STA 53278
00700	.DA #LDM	10	LDA #26	03060	STA GOHIT
00710	.DA #LDM	11	STA RSPEED	03070	LDA PRESIDENT ;NO
00720	.DA #LDM	12	LDA #3	03080	T
00730	.DA #LDM	13	STA HSPEED	03090	BNE SHI ;KI
00740	.DA #LDM	14	LDA #0	LLED	LDA #1
00750	.DA #LDM	15	STA MPH	03100	STA DEADPRESIDENT
00760	.DA #LDM	16	LDA #162	03110	LDA #0
00770	.DA #LDM	17	JSR COLOR	03120	STA AMUCARON ;RE
00780	.DA #LDM	18	LDX XTEMP ;GROUN	03130	LDA KBCODE
00790	.DA #LDM	19	LDY #0	SET	CMP #32
00800	.DA #LDM	20	JSR PLOT	03140	BCS JUMP1
00810	.DA #LDM	21	LDX XTEMP	03150	CMP #26
00820	.DA #LDM	22	LDY #20	03160	BCC JUMP1
00830	.DA #LDM	23	INC XTEMP	03170	STA GEAR
00840	.DA #LDM		CMP #11	03180	LDA GEAR
00850	.DA #LDM		BCC DLOOP	03190	CMP #26
00860	.DA #LDM		LDX #24	03200	BNE TWO
00870	.DA #LDM		STX XTEMP	03210	LDA #3
00880	.DA #LDM		LDX XTEMP	03220	STA RAMSPEED
00890	.DA #LDM		LDY #0	03230	LDA #8
00900	.DA #LDM		JSR PLOT	03240	STA RAMSPEED
00910	.DA #LDM		LDX XTEMP	03250	LDA #8
00920	.DA #LDM		LDY #20	03260	STA RAMSPEED
00930	.DA #LDM		JSR DRAWTO	03270	LDA #28
00940	.DA #LDM		INC XTEMP	ST!!	STA RSPEED ;SP
00950	.DA #LDM		LDA XTEMP	03280	EED
00960	.DA #LDM		CMP #39	03290	LDA #AF
00970	.DA #LDM		BCC DLOOP1	03300	STA LOADNESS
00980	.DA #LDM		LDA #00	03310	LDA #2
00990	.DA #LDM		STA COLOR0+4	03320	STA FAST
01000	.DA #LDM		LDA #08	03330	LDA #2
01010	.DA #LDM		STA #2C8	03340	STA HSPEED
01020	.DA #LDM		LDA #74	03350	LDA #150
01030	.DA #LDM		STA #2C6	03360	STA SPEED
01040	.DA #LDM		LDA #0	03370	JMP JUMP
01050	.DA #LDM		STA 82	03380	CMP #30 ;ME
01060	.DA #LDM		JSR INITIAL	DUM	BNE .33 ;SP
01070	.DA #LDM		LDY #LOOP	EED	LDA #2
01080	.DA #LDM		LDX /LOOP	03400	STA RAMSPEED
01090	.DA #LDM		LDA #07	03410	LDA #5
01100	.DA #LDM		JSR #E45C	03420	STA HSPEED
01110	.DA #LDM		LDA #192	03430	STA HSPEED
01120	.DA #LDM		STA NMEN	03440	LDA #AA
01130	.DA #LDM		LDA #62	03450	STA LOADNESS
01140	.DA #LDM		STA 559	03460	LDA #10
01150	.DA #LDM		JSR ROAD	03470	STA FAST
01160	.DA #LDM		LDX #10	03480	LDA #27 ;LA
01170	.DA #LDM		LDY #21	ND	STA RSPEED ;SP
01180	.DA #LDM		JSR POSITION	03490	LDA #1
01190	.DA #LDM		LDA MILES	03500	STA HSPEED
01200	.DA #LDM		JSR PRINTNUM	03510	LDA #75
01210	.DA #LDM		LDX #10	03520	STA SPEED
01220	.DA #LDM		LDY #22	03530	JMP JUMP
01230	.DA #LDM		JSR POSITION ;PR	03540	CMP #31 ;SL
01240	.DA #LDM		LDA RAMSPEED	03550	OW
01250	.DA #LDM		INT		
01260	.DA #LDM		02400		
01270	.DA #LDM		AR		

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03560	BNE JUMP	04780	ADC #4	06050	STA ICCOM,X
03570	LDA #26	04790	STA RX	06060	JSR CIO
OW		04800	LDA XBORDER	06070 ;	
03580	STA RSPEED	04810	CLC	06080	LDX #96
03590	LDA #1	04820	ADC #4	06090	LDA #COPN
03600	STA RAMSPEED	04830	STA XBORDER	06100	STA ICCOM,X
03610	LDA #3	04840	LDA FAST	06110	LDA #SNAME
03620	STA HITSPEED	04850	STA RATE	06120	STA ICBADR,X
03630	LDA #48	04860	LDA #1	06130	LDA /SNAME
03640	STA LOADNESS	04870	STA STOP	06140	STA ICBADR+1,X
03650	LDA #50	04880 .1	LDA #200	06150 ;	
03660	STA FAST	04890	JSR RND	06160	PLA
03670	LDA #1	04900	CMP #100	06170	STA ICAUX2,X
03680	STA HSPEED	04910	BCC .2	06180	AND #3FO
03690	LDA #0	04920	LDA #1	06190	FOR #10
03700	STA SPEED	04930	STA DIR	06200	ORA #10C
03710	LDA 53252	04940	JMP ANOTHER	06210	STA ICAUX1,X
03720	CMP #1	04950 .2	LDA #2	06220	JSR CIO
03730	BEQ .2	04960	STA DIR	06230	RTS
03740	CMP #7	04970	LDA DIR	06240 ;	
03750	BCS .2	04980	CMP #2	06250	COLOR
03760	JMP .1	04990	BNE ANOTHER1	06260	STA SAVECOLOR
03770 .2	LDA #1	05000	DEC ROADX	06270	RTS
03780	STA 53278	05010	DEC ROADX1	06280 ;	
03790	DEC ENERGY	05020	LDA RX	06290	POSITION LDA #0
03800	BNE .4	05030	SEC	06300	STX HORIZONTAL
03810	LDA #1	05040	SBC #4	06310	STX HORIZONTAL+1
03820	STA STATE	05050	STA RX	06320	STY VERTICAL
03830 .4	LDA OY	05060	LDA XBORDER	06330	RTS
03840	CMP #150	05070	SEC	06340 ;	
03850	BCS .3	05080	SBC #4	06350	PLOT
03860	INC OY	05090	STA XBORDER	06360	LDA #0
03870 .3	LDA #1	05100	LDA FAST	06370	JSR POSITION
03880	STA 53279	05110	STA RATE	06380	LDX #96
03890	LDA #17	05120	LDA #1	06390	LDX #CGBINR
03900	STA CONDITION	05130	STA STOP	06400	STA ICCOM,X
03910	JMP BEND	05140 .2	LDA #200	06410	LDA #0
03920 .1	LDA #18	05150	JSR RND	06420	STA ICBLEN,X
03930	STA CONDITION	05160	CMP #100	06430	STA ICBLEN+1,X
03940	LDA CRASHED	05170	BCC .3	06440	LDA SAVECOLOR
03950	BNE END	05180	LDA #1	06450	JSR CIO
03960	LDA MISSLEON ;CHEC	05190	STA DIR	06460	RTS
03970	BNE NEXT	05200	JMP ANOTHER	06470 ;	
03980	LDA 644	05210 .3	LDA #2	06480	LOCATE
N		05220	STA DIR	06490	LDA #0
03990	BNE END	05230	LDA ROADX	06500	JSR POSITION
N		05240	CMP #20	06510	LDX #96
04000	LDA #1	05250	BCC .1	06520	LDA #CGBINR
04010	STA MISSLEON	05260	LDA #2	06530	STA ICCOM,X
04020	LDA OX	05270	STA DIR	06540	LDA #0
04030	CLC	05280 .1	LDA ROADX	06550	STA ICBLEN,X
04040	ADC #2	05290	CMP #6	06560	STA ICBLEN+1,X
04050	STA MX	05300	BCS PLOTROAD	06570 ;	
E		05310	LDA #1	06580	DRAWTO
04060	LDA OY	05320	STA DIR	06590	LDA #0
04070	SEC	05330	LDA #33	06600	JSR POSITION
04080	SBC #8	05340	JSR COLOR	06610	LDA SAVECOLOR
04090	STA MY	05350	LDX #0	06620	STA DRAWCOLOR
04100	LDA NMISSE	05360	LDX ROADX	06630	LDX #96
04110	BEQ END	05370	JSR PLOT	06640	LDA #CDRAW
04120	JSR MISSLE	05380	LDY #20	06650	STA ICCOM,X
04130	LDA #1	05390	LDX ROADX	06660	LDA #10C
04140	STA 53278	05400	JSR DRAWTO	06670	STA ICAUX1,X
04150	INC TIMER	05410	LDY #0	06680	LDA #0
		05420	LDX ROADX1	06690	STA ICAUX2,X
		05430	JSR PLOT	06700	JSR CIO
					RTS

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Address	Instruction	Comment
07200	LDA #3A	
07210	STA COLPM0+2	
07220	LDA #370	
07230	STA COLPM0+3	
07240	RTS	
07250		
07260		
07270		
07280	RSTICK	
07290	LDX STICK	
07300	LDA CONDITION	
07310	CHP #17	
07320	BEQ .2	
07330	TXA	
07340		
07350		
07360		
07370		
07380		
07390		
07400		
07410		
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07850 JMP M00
07860 LDX #20
07870 STX SHAPE
07880 M00 LDA CSHAPE1,X
07890 STA PLAYER+$400,Y
07900 LDA CSHAPE2,X
07910 STA PLAYER+$500,Y
07920 INY
07930 INX
07940 INC I
07950 LDA I
07960 CMP #20
07970 BNE M00
07980 LDA #0
07990 STA I
08000 LDA CONDITION
08010 CMP #17
08020 BNE .2
08030 RTS
08040
08050 ; ENGINE
08060 INC C1
08070 LDA C1
08080 CMP #1
08090 BNE NOT
08100 LDA #0
08110 STA C1
08120 LDA CSOUND
08130 BEQ .3
08140 LDA #0
08150 STA CSOUND
08160 JMP .4
08170 LDA OY
08180 .3 SEC
08190 SBC #20
08200 STA CSOUND
08210 .4 STA SOUND
08220 LDA LOADNESS
08230 STA SOUND+1
08240 NOT RTS
08250 ;
08260 FAST .DA #50
08270 LOADNESS .DA #A8
08280 RSPED .DA #26
08290 C1 .DA #0
08300 CSOUND .DA #0
08310 CONDITION .DA #0
08320 I .DA #0
08330 OX .DA #112
08340 OY .DA #100
08350 FRAME .HS 00
08360 SHAPE .DA #0
08370 SLEN .EQ *-SHAPE-1
08380 CSHAPE1
08390 .DA #0,#0,#0,#24,#60,#231,
#36,#60,#36,#0,#24,#60,#36,#2
55,#0,#0,#0,#0
08400 .DA #0,#0,#0,#24,#255,#36,
#231,#60,#36,#0,#24,#60,#60,#231,
#60,#195,#0,#0,#0
08410 ;
08420 CSHAPE2
08430 .DA #0,#0,#0,#126,#255,#6
0,#255,#255,#102,#90,#126,#126,#1
6,#255,#60,#231,#231,#36,#0,#0
08440 .DA #0,#0,#0,#126,#60,#25

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09040 ASL
09050 ASL
09060 CLC
09070 ADC #4
09080 STA PCOLOR3
09090 INC AMUCOUNTER
09100 LDA AMUCOUNTER
09110 INY
09120 CMP #20
09130 BCC RAMMOVE
09140 LDA #0
09150 STA AMUCOUNTER
09160 LDA #1
09170 STA AMUCARON
09180 RAMMOVE LDA RX
09190 STA HPOSP2
09200 STA HPOSP3
09210 LDX #0
09220 LDA #0
09230 LDY I
09240 CLOOP STA PLAYER+$600,Y
09250 STA PLAYER+$700,Y
09260 INX
09270 INY
09280 CPX #20
09290 BCC CLOOP
09300 LDA #0
09310 STA I
09320 LDY RY
09330 LDX WSHAPE
09340 BEQ .1
09350 LDX #0
09360 STX WSHAPE
09370 JMP .2
09380 .1 LDA #16
09390 STX WSHAPE
09400 .2 TXA
09410 CLC
09420 ADC NEWSHAPE
09430 TAX
09440 LDA GOTHIT
09450 BNE ALL
09460 LDA AMUCARON
09470 BNE ALL
09480 JMP RLOOP
09490 ALL
09500 RLOOP
09510 BEQ AMUSKIP
09520 LDA EXPLOSION,X
09530 STA PLAYER+$600,Y
09540 LDA EXPLOSION1,X
09550 STA PLAYER+$700,Y
09560 JMP SKIP3
09570 AMUSKIP LDA AMUCARON
09580 BEQ SKIP2
09590 LDA AMUCAR,X
09600 STA PLAYER+$600,Y
09610 LDA AMUCAR1,X
09620 STA PLAYER+$700,Y
09630 JMP SKIP3
09640 SKIP2 LDA RSHAPE1,X
09650 STA PLAYER+$600,Y
09660 LDA RSHAPE2,X
09670 STA PLAYER+$700,Y
09680 SKIP3 INY
09690 INX

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10030 GEAR .DA #0
10040 HSPED .DA #1
10050 MISSLE LDA MX
10060 STA 53252
10070 LDA MY
10080 STA SOUND+2
10090 LDA #48
10100 STA SOUND+3
10110 LDX #0
10120 LDY MY ;ERASE
10130 LDA #0
10140 DRAWM STA PLAYER+$300,Y
10150 INY
10160 INX
10170 CPX #8
10180 BCC DRAWM
10190 LDA MY
10200 SEC
10210 SBC #10
10220 STA MY
10230 TAY
10240 LDA #1 ;DRAW
10250 LDX #0
10260 MERASE STA PLAYER+$300,Y
10270 INY
10280 INX
10290 CPX #8
10300 BCC MERASE
10310 LDY MY
10320 CPY #10
10330 BCS OK2
10340 LDA #0
10350 STA MISSLEON
10360 STA SOUND+2
10370 STA SOUND+3
10380 DEC NMISSE
10390 OK2 RTS
10400 ;
10410 NMISSE .DA #50
10420 MX .DA #0
10430 MY .DA #0
10440 MISSLEON .DA #0
10450 GOTHIT .DA #0
10460 HITSPEED .DA #3
10470 SPEED .DA #0
10480 MILES .EQ 1537
10490 PRINTNUM LDY #0
10500 STY FIRSTDIG
10510 STY SECONDDIG
10520 STY THIRDDIG
10530 CMP #100
10540 BCC .2
10550 SEC
10560 SBC #100
10570 INC FIRSTDIG
10580 CMP #100
10590 BCS .1
10600 .2 CMP #10
10610 BCC .3
10620 SEC
10630 SBC #10
10640 INC SECONDDIG

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Assembler Listing (cont'd)

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10650 CMP #10
10660 BCS .2
10670 STA THIRDDIG
10680 LDA FIRSTDIG
10690 ORA #30
10700 JSR PRINT
10710 LDA SECONDDIG
10720 ORA #30
10730 JSR PRINT
10740 LDA THIRDDIG
10750 ORA #30
10760 JSR PRINT
10770 RTS
10780 ;
10790 ;
10800 FIRSTDIG .DA #0
10810 SECONDDIG .DA #0
10820 THIRDDIG .DA #0
10830 PRINT .EQ #F6A4
10840 MPH .DA #100
10850 AMUCARON .DA #0
10860 AMUCOUNTER .DA #0
10870 ;
10880 ;
10890 EXPLOSION
10900 .DA #8, #34, #194, #40, #16, #1
61, #4, #32, #0, #136, #33, #0, #64, #0, #
0, #0
10910 .DA #0, #16, #0, #4, #64, #5, #4
#96, #0, #144, #130, #136, #18, #18, #6
4, #64
10920 ;
10930 EXPLOSION1
10940 .DA #20, #28, #60, #22, #76, #3
0, #56, #28, #08, #18, #8, #8, #2, #16, #
2, #0
10950 .DA #0, #12, #58, #58, #47, #58
#10, #23, #117, #66, #9, #65, #73, #9, #
0, #0
10960 ;
10970 ;
10980 ;
10990 ;
11000 CRASH JSR CLEAR
11010 LDA #0
11020 STA I
11030 STA MISSLEON
11040 LDA #200
11050 JSR RND
11060 STA PCOLORO
11070 STA SOUND
11080 LDA #88
11090 STA SOUND+1
11100 LDA OY
11110 CMP #150
11120 BCS .44
11130 CLC
11140 ADC HSPED
11150 STA OY
11160 CMP #150
11170 BCC CONT
11180 LDA #0
11190 STA CRASHED
11200 LDA #1
11210 STA 53278
11220 LDA #76

#36, #66, #126, #0, #126, #126, #126, #195, #
219, #195, #90, #126
11810 CRASHSHAPE
11820 .DA #0, #24, #255, #235, #199,
#60, #36, #0, #28, #60, #60, #155, #199,
#213, #0, #0
11830 .DA #0, #24, #60, #231, #52, #6
0, #42, #32, #25, #60, #54, #68, #215, #1
6, #100, #8
11840 CRASHSHAPE1
11850 .DA #60, #126, #56, #48, #28, #
235, #102, #90, #122, #110, #90, #0, #40
#2, #203, #4
11860 .DA #60, #126, #255, #60, #239
#247, #96, #90, #126, #118, #84, #159,
#4, #229, #131, #32
11870 TIMER .DA #0
11880 ENERGY .DA #250
11890 WRITE LDX #0
11900 LDY #21
11910 LDA #0
11920 JSR POSITION
11930 LDA #1
11940 STA 752
11950 LDY #0
11960 STY I
11970 .1 LDY I
11980 LDA MESSAGE, Y
11990 JSR PRINT
12000 INC I
12010 LDY I
12020 CPY #80
12030 BCC .1
12040 LDY #0
12050 STY I
12060 RTS
12070 ;
12080 ;
12090 MESSAGE .AS " MILE: 000
INTERCEPTOR ENERGY: 000 "
12100 .AS " GEAR: 000
PC: 000 MISSLE: 000 "
12120 PRESIDENT .DA #140
12130 DEADPRESIDENT .EQ 15
38
BCS .44
11130 CLC
11140 ADC HSPED
11150 STA OY
11160 .44 CM8!

STA PCOLORO ;RESTO
LDA #72 ;COLOR
STA PCOLOR1
CLV
LDA ENERGY
SEC #50
BSC .1
LDA #1
STA STATE
JMP CONT
STA ENERGY
LDA OX
STA HPOSPO
LDA HOSPI
LDY OY
LDA SHAPE1
BEQ .1
LDX #0
STX SHAPE1
JMP M1
LDX #16
STX SHAPE1
LDA CRASHSHAPE, X
STA PLAYER+$400, Y
LDA CRASHSHAPE1, X
STA PLAYER+$500, Y
INX
INX I
LDA I
CMP #16
BNE M1
RTS
LDY OY
LDX #0
STX I
LDA #0
STA PLAYER+$400, Y
STA PLAYER+$500, Y
INX
INC I
LDA I
CMP #16
BNE M1
RTS
LDY OY
LDX #0
STX I
LDA #0
STA PLAYER+$400, Y
STA PLAYER+$500, Y
INX
INC I
LDA I
CMP #18
BNE M2
RTS
11710 ;
11720 SHAPE1 .DA #0
11730 CRASHED .DA #0
11740 ;
11750 AMUCAR
11760 .DA #24, #255, #60, #255, #0, #
0, #0, #0, #126, #0, #0, #129, #0, #129, #
0, #0
11770 .DA #24, #60, #255, #60, #0, #0
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0
11780 AMUCAR1
11790 .DA #36, #195, #195, #195, #60
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219, #195, #90, #126
11800 .DA #36, #195, #195, #195, #60

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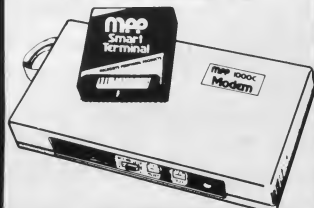
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GAME REVIEWS

by Gabe Torok

THE MASK OF THE SUN BRODERBUND SOFTWARE

If you enjoyed The Raiders of the Lost Ark at the theatre, Broderbund has a real treat for you. The names have been changed to protect the innocent, but the adventure (created by Ultrasoft Inc.) shows an uncanny resemblance. You no longer seek the Ark, (for those of us who saw the movie, we know it's in a crate in a warehouse somewhere held by the Government), we now seek "The Mask Of The Sun". Mac Steele: archeologist adventurer, treasure hunter, replaces Indiana Jones: archeologist adventurer, treasure hunter, as the main character. Dalag is replaced by Roboff as the not-so-esteemed colleague, and the location moves to central Mexico. Here, the similarities end.

Roboff stole your latest discovery, and you in turn, stole an amulet from one of his previous digs. Back at the University, you discover the link between the amulet and the legendary solid gold mask of the Sun, when the amulet suddenly releases a pale green gas knocking you unconscious. When you come to at the hospital after two days, the doctors tell you that they are mystified as to what the gas was, but they did concoct a temporary antidote to slow down the rapid degeneration your body is now undergoing. There references to the anulet indicate that perhaps the Mask of the Sun holds the cure to your condition.

Thus begins your adventure to discover the location of the Mask. After meeting Professor de Perez in South Central Mexico, you and the guide he gives you begin your long journey through numerous Aztec ruins. But beware, Roboff and a band of Mexican thugs are forever on your heels.

Once inside the main pyramid, the going can get tough. The gas room got me several times before I found out that there is only one way out, and that's SW. The faces that bar your way require a password. I had to start from the beginning and go through several dead ends before I found the word that worked. This you will find on the statue(idol) if you take the North fork after the Hut.

Finding the Mask of the Sun was no great difficulty this point on, except that there are two masks, and I got the fake one. You have to search twice in the altar to get the real mask, otherwise you're in a sealed room with now way to get out.

The mazes are horrible. The next maze was totally hopeless and unmappable. Here I was forced to cheat and read the next step from "A Shortcut Through Adventureland" to find my way out. Unfortunately, I

got carried away with my reading, thus the riddle in the sun room was not difficult. (I hate people that cheat!) From this point on, there were several days worth of mazes, before I finally got caught by Roboff. Death came swiftly when I fought him. Next time I was smart and gave him the Mask, only to be confronted by a jaguar. After taking care of this creature, I found my exit to victory. (I will not divulge how. It would be unfair to tell you everything!)

The graphics are well done and you'll enjoy the multiple commands as well as the exceptionally large vocabulary of the program. Some of the travel sequences seem a little slow, and one tires fast of the same scenery, but it does give the effect of motion and travel, although not enough to deplete your supply of Graval. However, The Mask Of The Sun will not only keep you on the edge of your seat for hours, it is destined to become the number one graphic adventure game of all time.

The Mask Of The Sun
Broderbund Software Inc.,
Playability: 9
Challenge: 9.5 (Unless you Cheat)
Graphics: 9.4
Documentation: 6
Overall Rating: 8.9

Epidemic SSI

Radar reported numerous meteors bombarding the Earth. Not ordinary meteors however, but meteors bringing deadly bacteria to wherever they land. My mission, once accepted, is to destroy incoming meteors using any and all missiles available on this planet, prevent any epidemics and cure those areas already infected, using whatever means available at my disposal. For difficulty, I chose level 1, thinking it to be the easiest. (If you, dear reader, recall in previous issues I confessed to never reading instructions unless it was the last resort . . .)

The game becomes not so much a game once you get really involved. It FEELS like reality. It consists of four parts to a turn. In part one, the computer displays the world's status report, including the location and level of the epidemic outbreak, the number of casualties, and for a fleeting second, the password to arm your nuclear devices, should you need to use them.

Part two shows you a coded map of the world from

which you can decide which countries are more likely to be the recipients of a neighbor's disease. One thing that must be kept in mind at all times; those countries that control the world's arsenals and guidance systems **MUST** be kept free of the epidemic! That means Russia, the USA and Western Europe. Well, not reading the instructions first, the moment the Soviet Union got bugged, I took great pleasure in nuking them. Mistake!!!!

Where was I? Oh, yes, part three is your radar map showing location and range of incoming infected meteors. This is where you start making decisions. You can only do so much, effect two cures, fire two antimeteor missiles, or blow a continent to kingdom come, should you remember the password to arm the rocket's warhead. If you pick a cure for a particular country, you're into part four.

The statistics for that country come up on your screen, and a selection of cures available are displayed. Pick the right one and you may effect Stasis, or immune level. Miss and that country won't have a chance to do much more than infect those closest to it. Out with the password and nuke them fast!

I scored so badly the first time around, I had to read the instructions. What with 786 million dead and half the world glowing like Cinderella's Fairy Godmother, and an overall score of 92 out of a possible 1000, I would have to admit defeat to the epidemic.

The results were much improved when I finally digested and followed the instructions. The improvement was on the score (356 out of 1000) with a mere 721 million dead, mostly due to my itchy triggerfinger over Africa.

Subsequent plays showed little improvement. I began to take this game all too seriously. The involvement was strictly involuntary. The game dragged me into itself, and I felt every megaton of the rockets I launched out of desperation. The sound effect and the computer shaking when the bomb went off added to the realism sufficiently to make me want to use a more subtle cure.

Before buying this game, check with your doctor. It is not recommended for those with weak hearts, or a nervous disposition. The simulation is too realistic, and can be extremely absorbing, and is guaranteed to cause an Epidemic of line-ups for the program.

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YELLOW BRICK ROAD

by Peter Ellison

This column having appeared in issues one through five, but not in the last two, will once again become a regular feature in "ROM". "The Yellow Brick Road" is a column written to give the Atari User different tables or memory locations in such a manner as to make it easy to find them all in one readily understood section. I will try to make each table simple enough for the beginner, but also useful for the advanced programmer.

In the next few issues this section will be devoted to the "Atari Glossary". The Glossary will be of words compiled from a number of sources that have something relating to the Atari Computer. Since the list will be quite long, it will be spread over a number of issues. I won't include program names since they are too numerous. There will be only those common terms having to do with the Atari, not Basic terms. If I forget some words that you feel should be part of the list, let me know, and I'll be happy to insert them. Also, if you have any suggestions as to what you would like to see in this section in the future, I'd be happy to consider them.

ROM's GLOSSARY FOR THE ATARI

Accumulator: This is a register in which the results of arithmetic instructions can be stored.

ACE: Atari Computer Enthusiasts. This name is one that many User Groups have taken for their own name. One of the largest and first user groups in the U.S. is ACE, 3662 Vine Maple Drive, Eugene, OR, 97405.

ACTION!: This is a relatively new structured language used for software development. The thing that makes this language so excellent is its speed and ease of use. It comes in an orange 16K bank select cartridge from OSS. (See issue 6 of ROM for review).

AD ASTRA: A newsletter published by the Atari Microcomputer Net Amateur Radio Operators' Group. This Newsletter contains much information for those Atari Users wanting to do hardware work. Hams like the Atari because of its shielding against radio interference.

Add-Ons: These are things that can be joined onto your computer, such as certain circuitry to expand memory or performance. Expansion cartridges like, "The Monkey Wrench II" from Eastern House Software is a good example. Or things that attach to game ports, serial I/O ports, or the 850 interface.

Address: The identification code that distinguishes one memory location or input/output port from another and that can be used to select a specific one.

Addressing Modes: The methods for specifying the addresses to be used in executing an instruction. Common addressing modes are direct, immediate, indexed, indirect, and relative.

Adventure Games: These are games that can be either all text, graphics, or some of both. Some include solving puzzles, killing monsters, and saving beautiful princesses.

ANTIC: This is a separate microprocessor which is contained within the Atari 400/800 and XL series. It is dedicated to the television display in that it is user programmable with an instruction set like "display list" (a program) or the "display memory" (data).

Antic: A magazine for Atari users. Good reviews, new products, and Basic program listings help make this one of the top Atari only magazines. Antic, 600-18th st., San Francisco, CA, 94107.

ANALOG Computing: A magazine dedicated to Atari computer users. Originally called Atari Newsletter and having Lots of Games, this magazine has released a lot of very interesting machine language and Basic games, tutorials, and reviews. ANALOG, P.O. BOX 23, Worchester, MA, 01653.

Argument: Variables usually placed in parentheses or brackets and found in examples of a function or command.

Array: A collection of related data items, usually stored in consecutive memory addresses.

ASCII: American Standard Code for Information Interchange. A 7-bit character code widely used in computers and communications. Although the Atari doesn't use ASCII it uses a thing similar called ATASCII.

Assembler: A computer program that converts assembly language programs into a form (machine language) that the computer can execute directly. The assembler translates mnemonic operation codes, labels, and names into their numerical equivalents and assigns locations in memory to data and instructions.

Assembly Language: A computer language in which a programmer can use mnemonic operation codes, labels, and names to refer to their numerical equivalents.

ATASCII: Atari Standard Code for Information Exchange. Similar to ASCII except the first 32 characters are different (control characters) and characters

123 through 127.

Attract Mode: The operating system inside the Atari has the feature that if no key is pressed within nine minutes of running the program, the colors will begin to cycle through random hues at lower luminances. This is to prevent any damage that can be done by the burning of a static image onto the television screen.

ATR8000: This peripheral box contains a Z-80 processor and connects directly to the computer. A 64K printer buffer is available with it. It is possible to add an 8088 processor and run the 16-bit CP/M-86 or MSDOS and upgrade to 256K of RAM. This makes the Atari a computer capable of running IBM PC software.

Auto-Answer: A modem which is able to answer a telephone connection between a computer and a remote device automatically.

Autodialing: The ability to dial the telephone through software control or keyboard input. This type of procedure is offered on a number of phone modems.

Autorun.sys: This makes it possible to have your program run direct by just booting up the system. Just a short binary load file is needed to call up your program.

Background: The area of the television screen where player/missile graphic objects or playfield objects and/or text is displayed. The background has its own user-definable color in that by using BASIC Setcolor or POKE commands you can change it.

Backup Copy: A duplicate copy of a disk or cassette in case of loss or damage to the original copy.

Bad Sector: A sector on a disk that cannot read/write data correctly.

Baud: The measure of the rate in bits per second at which serial data is transmitted. This includes both data bits and bits used for synchronization, error checking, and other purposes.

Bank Select: A way to extend a computer's RAM memory by having each bank respond to the same address but only have one active at a time. Used in ACTION! from OSS.

BASIC: Beginner's All Purpose Symbolic Instruction Code. A popular computer language invented at Dartmouth for educational purposes. One of the best Basics for the Atari is BASIC XL from OSS.

Benchmark Program: This is a program that tests the speed of a computer in certain types of situations.

Binary File: Another name for a Machine Language object code file or program.

Bit: A contraction of BInary digiT. A bit is either turned on or off, in other words, at 1 or 0. Bits are used in computers to code information, instructions, data, etc.

Border: This is the television screen area of display

in BASIC Graphic mode 0 which is formed by the four sides of the screen. The border takes on the background color.

Byte Count: This is the file pointer's position within a sector on a disk.

Cassette Boot File: A file which boots from the cassette at power-up or SYSTEM RESET.

Character Graphics: A way of redefining the individual characters of a character set to make graphics in the images the programmer can use.

Character Image: This is an 8X8 pixel grid which defines a particular character shape.

Character Mode: The ANTIC display mode which displays screen display memory data bytes as characters. There are six ANTIC character modes, three of which are accessible from BASIC.

Character Set: This is the set of characters that a programmer can work with or redefine.

Coarse Scrolling: By altering the display list LMS one byte at a time it is possible to vertically or horizontally scroll the screen image. This is done by adding or subtracting 1 from the LMS address bytes.

Collision: This is what happens when a player or missile collides with another image in Player/missile graphics. There are 60 possible collisions that can be assigned and checked.

Color: This is one of the 128 that is obtained from a hue-luminance combination on the Atari.

Color Register: A hardware register used to define the color for various portions of the screen display. There are nine color registers within the Atari's operating system.

Command: A statement which causes the computer to carry out a specific action. In BASIC, this is the first executable token of a BASIC statement that tells BASIC to interpret the tokens that follow in a certain way.

Compiler: This is a translation program which converts high-level instructions into a binary file for the computer to run directly.

CPU: Central Processing Unit.

Cyclic Animation: This is a way of flipping through colors to create the effect of animation. Done through colors, graphic images, or character graphics this can be quite effective.



Beginner's Line (cont'd)

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100 HORZ=PDL4+(ST=11)-(ST=7):IF H
ORZ<>PDL4 THEN 120
110 VERT=PDL4+40*(ST=14)-40*(ST=1
3):IF VERT<>PDL4 THEN 160
120 DL4=DL4-256*(HORIZ>255):DL5=D
L5+1*(HORIZ>255)
130 DL4=DL4+256*(HORIZ<0):DL5=DL5
-1*(HORIZ<0)
140 POKE DL4,HORZ
150 FOR W=1 TO 50:NEXT W:GOTO 80

160 DL4=DL4-256*(VERT>255):DL5=DL
5+1*(VERT>255)
170 DL4=DL4+256*(VERT<0):DL5=DL5-
1*(VERT<0)
180 POKE DL4,VERT
190 FOR W=1 TO 50:NEXT W:GOTO 80

40000:TRAP 50
```

Lets explain what is going on here. Line 40 starts off with a LIST statement. That is a cute way to fill up the screen without having to go to all the trouble of typing in a lot of display code. It's not original, I got the idea from the Tricky Tutorial #2 on Scrolling, an excellent disk to delve into these mysteries. It sure helped me to write this piece. Line 50 also was lifted; without this line you will suddenly get error statements and everything stops. Line 60 finds the start of the D/L in your machine and sets variable DL to that number. Ah ha! Line 70 sets up DL4 and DL5 as the location of the 4'th and 5'th bytes. Line 80 sets another variable, PDL4, as the value found when peeking at byte 4. Remember ST in our first listing? Same thing in line 90. Line 100 looks sort of familiar also, except here we are comparing the value in byte 4 with the changed value by wiggling the stick left or right. Line 110 does the same thing but vertically. Hold on, there is something different here. Remember how we said screen memory is stored. All 40 bytes for line 1, followed by 40 bytes for line 2, and so on down to line 24. So if we want to look straight up or down (in GR.0), we have to jump back or forth 40 memory locations. Line 110 sets up variable VERT in increments of 40, depending on whether the stick is pushed up or down. Lines 120 and 130 modify bytes 4 and 5 in the display list depending on the value of HORIZ set in line 100. There's that funny math again. Line 140 actually modifies the D/L to move the screen left or right in steps of 1 character. This type of movement is known as coarse scrolling as opposed to fine scrolling. When I saved it I called it 'D:COARSE' because I knew I would not be misunderstood. I will leave what you call it up to you. The movement is jerky, but we can put up with that with text and some character graphic displays. Questron

gets along real fine with this. (A tribute to the mid-western states). Line 150 a short delay loop and then send you back to line 80 to read the stick again. Lines 160 to 190 do the same thing in the vertical direction, notice the end of line 110 sent you down there when it detected vertical stick movement.

O.K. Run the program, and hold the stick (plugged into the first jack) to the right. You will see your listing (courtesy of line 40) move in that direction off the screen. The listing will start to appear coming in from the left, but starting at line 50. That's lines 120 and 130 working away, but by this time DL4 has increased by 40, so ANTIC thinks that is the start of screen direction, you will eventually go past the starting point, and line 40 will start to appear one line down from it's original position. Keep scrolling left and a strange looking line starts to appear. That's our display list in disguise. The bytes in Table 1 have been converted to characters. For instance, 112 is the internal code for lower case 'p', so you see three of these. I will leave you to sort out the other numbers following the sequence in Table 1.

Moving the stick up or down will bring lines 150 to 180 into play. You will notice that you can only move up or down 6 lines. That is because we only change byte 4, and 40 into 256 allows only 6 moves. I am now going to throw you a curve, with two extra lines to modify the display list to convert the graphic mode. Basic mode 2 is the same as ANTIC mode 7. This trick I borrowed from Linda Schreiber's book listed earlier. Add these two lines:-

```
75 POKE DL+3,PEEK(DL+3)+5
```

That changes the 2 in the third byte to a 7, which puts the top line in GR. 2 mode. Now lets changes bytes 6 to 28:-

```
85 FOR X=6 TO 28:POKE DL+X,7:NEXT
X
```

BEFORE you run this, SAVE it. Because it is guaranteed to lock up if you scroll too far, and you don't want to type this all in again. The reason that this will cause problems, is that the D/L is not completely set up for GR. 2 mode. We will go into the fine points of various DL modes in our next article. Oh! Before I go, look at Kyle Peacock's series on scrolling in A.N.A.L.O.G. COMPUTING, Issues 13 to 16. And as Kyle says, 'See you in the funny papers'.

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DISPLAY LIST INTERRUPTS — Pt. III APPLICATIONS

by Bob Cockroft

The following article is the conclusion of two earlier articles on display list interrupts that appeared in ROM issues 2 & 3. Although it is not necessary, it may be helpful to have read these earlier articles if you have not previously been introduced to display list interrupts. Also, it is assumed that you have a basic understanding of hexadecimal machine code and lo/hi byte configurations.

Display List Interrupts is one of the more powerful techniques that can be used to manipulate screen displays. With only a few adjustments, the Atari's colour capabilities can be expanded. Graphic modes plus "players" and "missiles" can be modified to have many extra colours. But display list interrupts will do much more than provide additional colours. They can also be used to enhance the power of P/M graphics. The number of "players" and "missiles" can be increased. In addition, it is possible to create a single "player" that has a number of different widths. Character graphics can also be improved. By changing the CHBASE pointer during the time the screen is being drawn, the character set can be changed part way down the screen. Therefore, it is possible to have both a normal and a modified character on the screen at the same time.

It is the purpose of this article to explain how to apply display list interrupts. To do this we must briefly backtrack to material covered in the earlier articles in this series. Every graphics or text display the computer draws has a corresponding program that tells the Antic chip how to set up the screen. Although it keeps the same format, this program, called the DISPLAY LIST (DL), varies somewhat with each graphic mode. The base address for the display list is contained in the display list pointers in lo/hi byte form. Obtain the base address by converting the value in these pointers into decimal form. To do this multiply the high byte by 256 and add it to the low byte.(see below)

$DLB = PEEK(560) + 256 * PEEK(561)$

The first 3 bytes of the display list place 24 blank lines at the top of the screen. The next 3 tell where the screen data is located. The following bytes are the major component of the DL and are the ones we are interested in. These next bytes are called the mode bytes. Each mode byte displays one horizontal line of graphics and changes both in number and in value with each graphic mode. It is important to know that the computer reads the display list in order, starting from the beginning. As a result, the computer first

draws one horizontal line of graphics at the top of the screen. Then more horizontal lines are drawn at progressively lower levels until the screen is filled. The table below displays each graphic mode and its corresponding mode byte value.

Table 1

Graphic Mode	Mode byte value
0	2
1	6
2	7
3	8
4	9
5	10
6	11
7	13
8	15

There are three steps in making a a simple display list interrupt that divides the screen into two differently coloured halves.(note: the screen will be divided horizontally) The first step is to indicate to the computer at what vertical level you want the division to take place. This is done by adding 128 to the mode byte that corresponds to the horizontal level of graphics where you want the division to occur. Suppose you want to tell the computer to divide a Graphics 0 screen. Remembering that each mode byte corresponds to one line of graphics from top to bottom, you are able to find its dividing point by counting down the mode byte list until you reach the point where you want the division. To indicate an interrupt add 128 to this mode byte. For example, if the dividing point were to be in the middle of the screen, you would need to add 128 to the middle mode byte.(see below)

Assume Graphics 0

$DLB = \text{Display List Base Address}$

$POKE\ DLB + 20, 2 + 128$

REM * the 2 is the mode byte for Graphics 0

The second step is to make a subroutine that tells the computer what to do during the interrupt. The subroutine will need to be in machine code and could be stored anywhere in free RAM. The location we will use in this article will be 1536(dec)-also known

as "PAGE 6". To indicate to the computer where the machine code is located, the VDSLST pointers (dec 512,513) must be set to the beginning address of the subroutine. To follow our example, assume that the subroutine is stored at location 1536(dec). Convert this address into hexadecimal form. It is best dividing it by 256 and adding 2 decimal places.(see below)

$1536 / 256 = 6 + 00 + 600$ HEXADECIMAL (\$600)

Remembering that VDSLST pointer is in lo/hi byte form, set it to the 600 hex.

POKE 512,0:POKE 513,6

Before we are able to make this subroutine there are a few things you will need to know about COLOR registers.

The Atari computer has two different types of COLOR registers; hardware and shadow. The hardware registers are the "real" ones, that is, they are the ones which the computer consults for colour determination. The hardware registers are updated by their corresponding shadow registers every time after the computer draws a new screen. Because the computer is continually doing this, the hardware registers are always being updated. In this way any value in the shadow register will be stored in the hardware register almost immediately.

Table 2

Hardware Register	Shadow Register
53271	709
53272	710
53273	711
53274	712

It will be the purpose of the machine language subroutine to change the colour of the background during the time in which the computer draws the screen. This will result in the screen being horizontally divided into two differently coloured halves. When the computer reads the display list it will encounter the mode byte you set, back in step 1. At this point, the computer will jump to your machine code. It is here the subroutine will change the background COLOR hardware register. As a result, the bottom half of the screen will be in a new hue. When the computer completes drawing the screen, the shadow register will update the hardware register to its initial colour. As a consequence, the computer will begin to draw the top half of a new screen with the original colour. When the modified mode byte is again read, the computer will jump to the subroutine

so that the process is repeated. By human standards, this entire routine is practically instantaneous, taking only a few fractions of a second.

Machine Language Subroutine

Mem.Loc	Value	Assembly ;Comment
1536	72	PHA ;PUSH 'A' ON THE STACK
1537	138	TXA ;TRANSFER X TO A
1538	72	PHA ;PUSH 'A' ON THE STACK
1539	169	LDA ;LOAD 'A'
1540	70	#1 ;WITH ANY NUMBER
1541	141	STA ;AVOID CHANGE
1542	10	\$0A ;IN MIDDLE OF
1543	212	\$D4 ;LINE
1544	141	STA ;STORE NEW COLOUR
1545	24	\$1A ;IN HARDWARE
1546	208	\$D0 ;REGISTER
1547	104	PLA ;REPLACE 'A'
1548	170	TAX ;TRANSFER A TO X
1548	64	RTI ;RETURN

The third and final step is enabling a non-maskable interrupt. (NMI) This is simply done by POKEing 54286 (dec) with 192.

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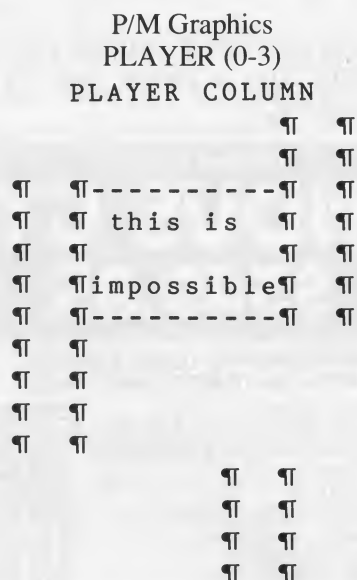


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Now that the principles of display list interrupts have been explained, we can attempt some practical applications. Many Atari computer enthusiasts believe they are confined to using a maximum of 4 PLAYERS and MISSILES the P/M graphics system has allotted. Fortunately this belief is not necessarily true. Display list interrupts can horizontally cut a PLAYER column into a number of different sections. Each of these sections will be able to assume its own unique horizontal position. The result is a number of PLAYERS being created from a single original. To make things even better, all that applies to PLAYERS also applies to MISSILES. There is, unfortunately, one drawback. Because all the newly created PLAYERS are formed from one PLAYER column, it is impossible for any of the new PLAYERS to vertically overlap one another. The problem is that any byte of PLAYER column can display only one image on the screen. It cannot be at two places at once. This makes vertical overlapping impossible. The diagram below should display what I have been explaining.

Diagram 1



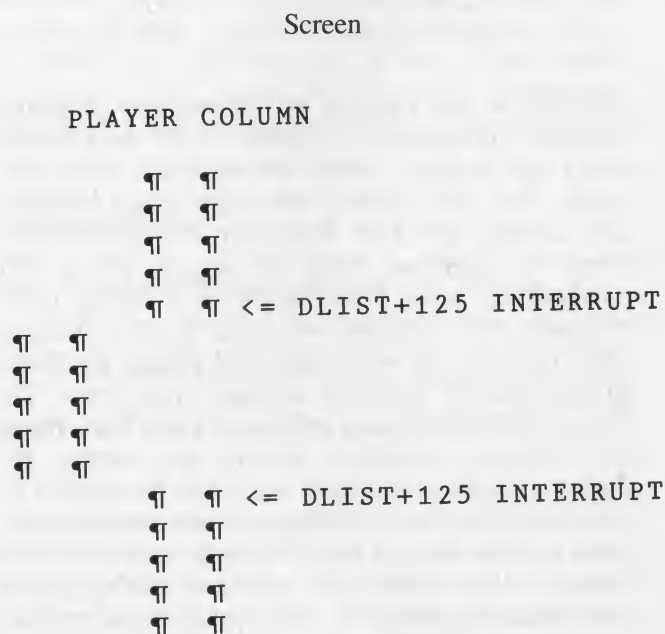
This would be a good time to type-in and RUN program 2. It does much the same thing on the computers as the above diagram does on paper. Notice how a single PLAYER assumes a number of different horizontal positions. This, of course, is all done with display list interrupts, but the structure of P/M graphics forces us to use a slightly different programming technique. The problem is that P/M graphics does not have shadow registers for the horizontal position of its PLAYERS and MISSILES. Without any shadow registers to up-date the hardware registers, the horizontal position of a player cannot be reset when the computer completes a screen. After interrupt, the PLAYER column will simply move as a block to the

location ordered by subroutine. No cutting of the PLAYER column will occur. Fortunately, there is a way around this problem. It may not be as simple as program 1, but it works. Because there is no shadow register to up-date the hardware register, we must do it ourselves. This means at least 2 interrupts, the first one to establish a new horizontal position and the second to reset it before a new screen is drawn. Program 2 is a good example of this technique. The first mode byte that interrupts the screen display is located at DLIST+25. Notice that the Interrupt pointers direct the computer to the address of the first subroutine, \$600 HEX (see below)

180 POKE 512,0:POKE 513,6

It is at the first subroutine where the horizontal position of the PLAYER column is moved further left. In order for the lower section of the PLAYER column to be moved back to its original position, a second subroutine must be created. Because of this, the first subroutine must change the Interrupt pointers so that they direct the computer to the address of the second subroutine. (\$650 HEX) When the computer encounters the second modified mode byte (line 25), it will jump to the second subroutine. This routine (see line 110), moves the lower section of the PLAYER column back to its original horizontal position. So that the process can be repeated, the second subroutine changes interrupt pointers to direct the computer back to the address of the first subroutine (\$600 HEX). Below is a diagram of how program 2 is splitting the PLAYER column.

Diagram 2



Program 3 is a more finished example of the use of interrupts to split-up PLAYERS. After RUNNING this program you will notice 4 figures with significant differences. Although all these figures were created from the PLAYER0 column, they vary in position on the screen, and in colour and widths. The horizontal positioning was accomplished by using the same method as in program 2. The colouring system is nearly identical to program 1. The only difference this time is that instead of changing the background colour, I changed the colour for PLAYER0. What is new this time is the difference in widths between the figures. As you probably already know, the P/M graphics system contains a group of bytes which control the width of the players. (see below)

player?	address (dec)	address (hex)
PLAYER 0	53256	D008
PLAYER 1	53257	D009
PLAYER 2	53258	D00A
PLAYER 3	53259	D00B

POKE 0=normal width
1=double width
3=quadruple width

By using the interrupt subroutine to change a width byte during the time the computer is drawing the screen, multiple widths for one PLAYER column are possible. Like the bytes that control the horizontal position of PLAYERS, the width bytes do not have any shadow registers. To solve this minor problem I made the same duel interrupt system used to horizontally position figures in program 2.

The last application this article contains uses display list interrupts to present a number of different character sets on the screen at the same time. Many magazines have written a number of articles on character graphics. (see ROM 4 & 6) But most of these articles imply that the only way to have normal characters on the screen at the same time as modified characters was simply not to alter some. Well, there is an alternative method which could be more appropriate in programs that use a large number of normal and modified characters. As you might guess, this alternative method uses display list interrupts. Location 756 (dec) is known as the Character Base Register (CBR). Being the shadow register for the Character Base Address (54281 dec), this CBR points to the starting position of the character set that is currently displayed. When the computer is using the normal upper-case set, the Character Base Register contains a value of 224. This number is the location in pages (groups of 256 bytes) of the ROM character set. When you create a new modified set, the character base register

must point to it before the computer will use that set. Because the character set pointer has a shadow register, a duel subroutine system is not needed.

Program 4 first creates a new modified character set and stores it in the memory. Then character base register (756 dec) is made to point at this modified set. As a result, it is contained in the top half of the screen. When the Antic chip encounters the interrupt mode byte at the middle of the screen, the computer will jump to the subroutine where the character base register is made to point at the normal set. As a result, the characters at the bottom of the screen appear to be normal. Below is an example of what is meant.

Screen

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-----
  top                                     <= new character
  set
  bottom                                 <= normal character
  set
-----

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The following group of programs are examples of the material covered in this article. If you are still uncertain of the techniques used by the various applications of display list interrupts, examine the methods used in these programs.

```

2 REM **          PROGRAM 1          *
*
5 REM ** DISPLAY LIST COLOUR DEMO
NSTRATION **
10 DL=PEEK(560)+256*PEEK(561)
12 REM * LOAD INTERRUPT ROUTINE *

20 POKE DL+15,2+128:REM * IR MODE
  BYTE+128 *
30 FOR X=0 TO 14
40 READ D
50 POKE 1536+X,D
60 NEXT X
65 REM * INTERRUPT ROUTINE *
70 DATA 72,138,72,169,70,141,10,2
12
80 DATA 141,24,208,104,170,104,64

85 REM * SET INTERRUPT POINTERS *

90 POKE 512,0:POKE 513,6
95 REM * ALLOW INTERRUPT *
100 POKE 54286,192

```



```

2 REM ** PROGRAM 2 **
4 REM ** CUT-UP PLAYER0 **
5 GRAPHICS 8
7 GOTO 1000
10 DLIST=PEEK(560)+256*PEEK(561)

19 REM * FIRST INTERRUPT MODE BYT
E *
20 POKE DLIST+25,15+128
24 REM * SECOND INTERRUPT MODE BY
TE *
25 POKE DLIST+125,15+128
50 FOR I=0 TO 19
55 READ A:POKE 1536+I,A:NEXT I
60 REM * FIRST SUBROUTINE *
65 DATA 72,138,72,169,80
70 DATA 141,10,212
75 DATA 141,0,208,169,50,141,0,2,
104,170,104,64
100 FOR I=0 TO 19
105 READ A:POKE 1586+I,A:NEXT I
109 REM * SECOND SUBROUTINE *
110 DATA 72,138,72,169,140,141,10
,212,141,0,208,169,0,141,0,2,104,
170,104,64
799 REM * INTERRUPT POINTER *
800 POKE 512,0:POKE 513,6
809 REM * ENABLE INTERRUPT *
810 POKE 54286,192
900 END
999 REM * P/M GRAPHICS *
1000 POKE 559,62
1010 POKE 53248,120
1020 POKE 704,88
1030 I=PEEK(106)-8
1040 POKE 53277,3
1050 POKE 54279,I
1060 J1=I*256+1024
1070 FOR X1=0 TO 255
1080 POKE J1+X1,255
1090 NEXT X1
2000 GOTO 10

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5 REM ** PROGRAM 3 **
7 REM ** P/M APPLICATION **
10 GRAPHICS 8
12 COLOR 1:SETCOLOR 2,16,1
14 POKE 755,0
15 FOR X=1 TO 20:XP=INT(RND(0)*31
9)+1:YP=INT(RND(0)*150)+1:PLOT XP
,YP:NEXT X
18 REM * SET UP P/M GRAPHICS *
20 POKE 559,62
30 POKE 53248,120
40 POKE 704,90
50 I=PEEK(106)-48

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60 POKE 53277,3
70 POKE 54279,I
80 J1=I*256+1024
120 FOR X=1 TO 4
121 READ A
125 FOR X1=1 TO 8:READ D:POKE J1+
A+X1,D:NEXT X1
128 NEXT X
130 DATA 155,129,129,219,255,255,
219,129,129
132 DATA 180,0,1,3,63,255,36,0,0

140 DATA 100,57,42,60,120,80,120,
40,108
145 DATA 75,129,66,60,60,60,66,12
9,0
1000 REM * INTERRUPT ROUTINE *
1110 DLIST=PEEK(560)+256*PEEK(561
)
1120 POKE DLIST+65,15+128:REM * I
R MODE BYTE+128 *
1125 POKE DLIST+125,15+128:REM *
IR MODE BYTE+128 *
1130 FOR I=0 TO 29
1140 READ A:POKE 1536+I,A:NEXT I

1150 DATA 72,138,72,169,90
1160 DATA 141,10,212
1170 DATA 141,0,208,169,148,141,1
8,208,169,1,141,8,208,169,50,141,
0,2,104,170,104,64
1400 FOR I=0 TO 22
1405 READ A:POKE 1586+I,A:NEXT I

1410 DATA 72,138,72,169,155,141,1
0,212,141,0,208,169,0,141,0,2,141
,8,208,104,170,104,64
1480 POKE 512,50:POKE 513,6
1490 POKE 54286,192
1500 ? " All created with PLAYER
0 (p/m) "
1510 ? "Different SIZES,HORZ.POSI
TIONS and COLORS"
1515 POKE 755,0
1520 GOTO 1520

```

```

2 REM ** PROGRAM 4 **

7 REM ** MULTI CHARACTER SETS **

8 REM ** CREATE NEW CHARACTER SET
**
10 ROMSET=57344
20 RAMT=PEEK(106)-4
30 NSET=RAMT*256
40 POKE 106,PEEK(106)-5

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```

50 GRAPHICS 0
60 ? "           Please Wait"
61 POSITION 8,4:? "Moving the cha
racter set"
62 POKE 755,1
70 FOR X=1 TO 1024
80 POKE NSET+X-1,PEEK(ROMSET+X-1)

90 NEXT X
100 POKE 756,NSET/256
120 FOR X=1 TO 10
130 READ LD
140 SET=NSET+LD*8
150 FOR X2=0 TO 7
160 READ D
170 POKE SET+X2,D
180 NEXT X2
190 NEXT X
498 REM * CHARACTER DATA *
499 REM * SHIP *
500 DATA 33,0,0,32,36,36,36,255,1
26
509 REM * ISLAND *
510 DATA 34,28,42,41,8,8,8,126,25
5
519 REM * ANCHOR *
520 DATA 35,16,254,16,16,16,146,1
46,124
529 REM * FLAG *
530 DATA 36,248,143,130,241,143,1
28,128,128
539 REM * BOTTLE *
540 DATA 37,0,0,248,135,129,135,2
48,0
549 REM * DOCK *
550 DATA 38,1,1,151,241,149,151,1
47,255
559 REM * CANNON *
560 DATA 39,0,1,127,127,49,120,18
0,0
569 REM * SEA GULL (up) *
570 DATA 40,0,0,195,60,24,0,0,0
579 REM * SEA GULL (down) *
580 DATA 41,0,0,0,24,102,129,0,0

589 REM * SMALL SHIP *
590 DATA 42,8,40,10,72,9,200,63,3
0
1110 DL=PEEK(560)+256*PEEK(561)
1118 REM * CAUSE INTERRUPT *
1120 POKE DL+15,128+2:REM * IR MO
DE BYTE+128 *
1130 FOR X=0 TO 24
1140 READ D
1150 POKE 1536+X,D
1160 NEXT X

```

```

1162 REM * INTERRUPT ROUTINE *
1170 DATA 72,138,72,169,88,141,10
,212,141,23,208,169,50,141,24,208

1180 DATA 169,224,141,9,212,104,1
70,104,64
1190 POKE 512,0:POKE 513,6
1200 POKE 54286,192
1980 REM ** DRAW DISPLAY **
1990 POSITION 7,4:? "
"
2000 POSITION 5,0:? "
":POSITION 2,2:? "A":POS
ITION 5,6:? "A":POSITION 10,3:? "
C"
2019 REM * PRINT CHARACTERS *
2020 FOR X=1 TO 10:POSITION X*3+2
,10:? CHR$(64+X):NEXT X
2040 FOR X=1 TO 10:POSITION X*3+2
,11:? CHR$(64+X):NEXT X
2050 POSITION 2,13:? "The top cha
racter is the modified versio
n of the lower character"
2060 POSITION 2,18:? "By using DI
SPLAY LIST INTERRUPTS one is abl
e to use both ROM and modified c
haracters";
2070 ? " on the same screen"
2080 FOR X=5 TO 15:POSITION X,3:?
"B":NEXT X
2090 FOR X=10 TO 14:POSITION X,5:
? "B":NEXT X
2100 FOR X=20 TO 27:POSITION X,4:
? "B":NEXT X
2110 POSITION 15,7:? "A":POSITION
20,3:? "A":POSITION 35,5:? "A":P
OSITION 27,2:? "A":POSITION 4,1:?
"A":POKE 10,2:? "A"
2120 POSITION 2,2:? "C":POSITION
39,4:? "D":POSITION 20,5:? "E":PO
SITION 7,6:? "F"
2130 POSITION 5,5:? "G":POSITION
10,6:? "H":POSITION 25,3:? "H":PO
SITION 30,5:? "I":POSITION 37,3:?
"I"
2140 POSITION 10,6:? "J":POSITION
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ATARI: YESTERDAY AND TODAY

by Peter Ellison

Five years have passed since the appearance of the best home computer on the market — The “ATARI”. Many software companies have appeared and disappeared, literally overnight, due to an overabundance of programs. Before the Atari, the only computers that were available were the Apple, TRS-80, and PET, they offered little competition when it came to graphics and sound.

People buying an Atari during this time were expecting to obtain a lot of software for their new computer, but were disappointed because the only programs around were Basic programs that were either Apple conversions or were ones just thrown together to make a quick buck. This caused a lot of Atari owners to become dissatisfied with their machines, even to the extent of selling them and buying others that had the software they wanted. This went on for a couple of years until top-notch assembly language programmers began to access some of the Atari's great graphics, using them to the limit.

Programs like Preppie, Eastern Front, Jawbreaker, and Protector led the way for games with excellent graphics and challenge. Still, there remained a lot of inferior software that was selling because of marketing strategies. The Public saw ads in magazines with colorful drawings of games with 100% machine language written in quotes. They therefore thought the software would be as good as the drawings. Then, after dishing out \$30+ for the program, they discovered the mistake they had made.

The reason I know this so well is that I've had this experience a number of times. I didn't learn from the first few mistakes because I was overly enthused with seeing new programs advertised. Also, because much time was needed to learn the language, machine language programmers were hard to find. This meant if you had this skill at this time you probably could have made yourself quite a lot of money.

Each game or program was written by a single person without outside help. The days of one programmer software are numbered. When machine language games for the Atari first appeared, there were many arcade copies, including at least 10 different copies or variations of the famous Pacman, and people were starting to get bored with the same old thing. You can no longer make arcade duplicates and think they will be a hit unless you buy the rights and make an exact copy. The Public wants original and unique ideas. Too bad one of the few ways to do this is through collaborated efforts of two or more pro-

grammers working full time on one project. The Atari User wants a masterpiece.

One company which has created quite a few original and exciting games is Electronic Arts. Games like M.U.L.E., Archon, One on One, and Seven Cities of Gold have revolutionized the computer gaming world. Through original ideas these games have shown things never thought possible on a home computer. This company, having top-notch programmers like Bill Budge (Pinball Construction Set), Anne Westfall and Jon Freeman (Archon and Murder on the Zinderneuf), is one that will last through all the changes in software. They are always looking for new talent to join their team, so, if you feel you can meet their standards, give them a call.

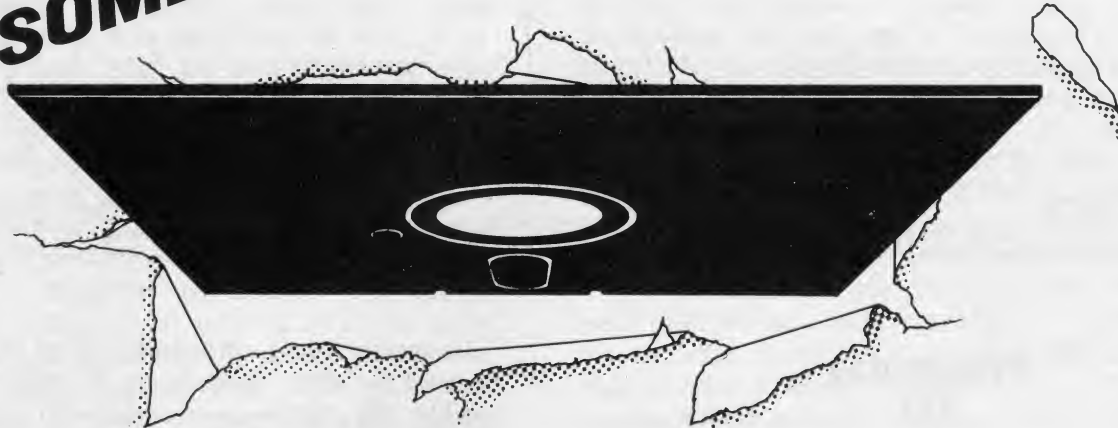
I would now like to talk about an unpleasant subject- Piracy. Because of the lost revenue through this activity it has become one of the main reasons many companies have folded. If every copy sold were pirated four to five times they would lose 80% of their profits. Therefore, they must charge a high price in order to compensate for this loss. One product that has really hurt Atari is the Happy Drive. It copies almost any software written. As a consequence software companies must hire more staff to make copy protection devices and require more time to develop their product.

I believe there is good news on the way because I've heard that some companies have locks that beat even the Happy Drive. This will mean that if you want software you'll have to buy it and not copy it. I've written about this topic a number of times, and all I can say is, “Please restrain yourself, and don't copy!”

The future of Atari looks quite exciting. With the coming of Jack Tramiel Atari has been placed under first class stewardship and this fact will undoubtedly be reflected in new vigor and enthusiasm within the company and consequent new highs in marketing success. They have always had the hardware, all that was needed was the right man to lead them. I think Mr. Tramiel is going to put Atari back where it should be, number one.

Being at the first all Atari fair, TARICON 84, was an exciting experience. This fair did demonstrate the great interest there is in the Atari. It can only go up from here.

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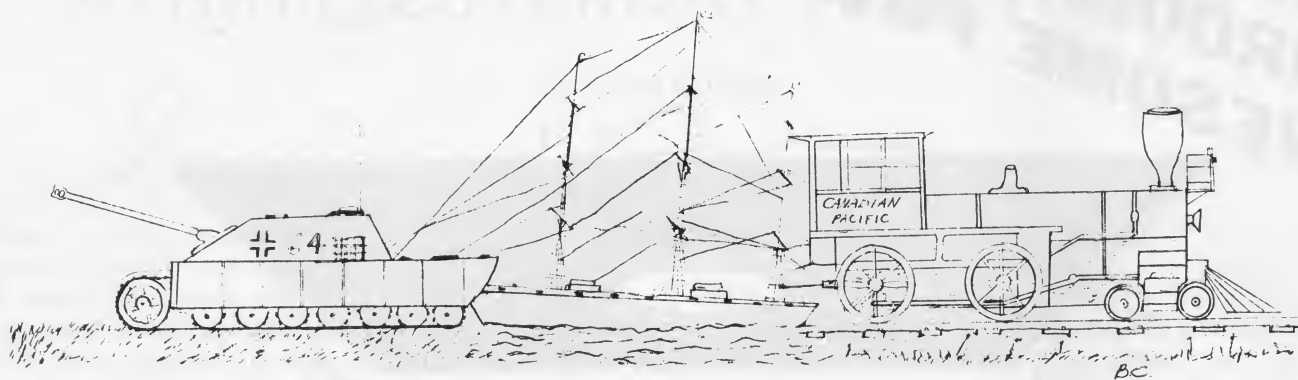
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Strategy Zone

by Bob Cockroft



Broadsides SSI

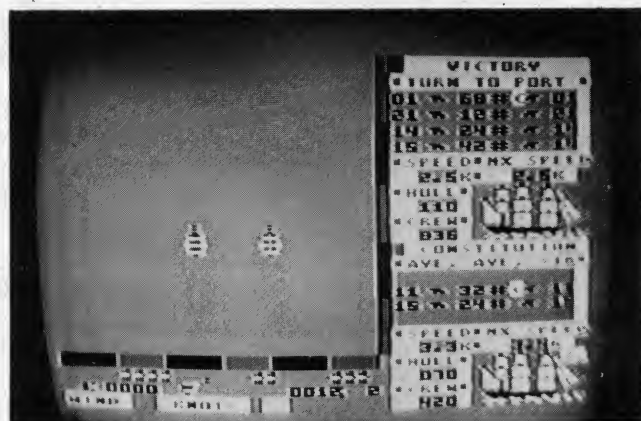
Batten down the hatches, turn into the wind and prepare for high seas adventure with SSI's new game, Broadsides. Explore the previously uncharted waters of early naval warfare with a giant square rigger of the past. As a captain of one of these sea steeds it is your goal to sink your opponent ship. This is not always easy in that a number of factors inhibit your performance. Wind direction, the speed of your ship, gun size and range must be taken into consideration in order to win any battle. Because this game uses real time, commands will need to be made quickly and accurately. The play progresses quickly enough so that all tedious routes that many strategy games have are avoided.

Being not only a strategy game and not only an arcade game, Broadsides is an enjoyable combination of both.



In one sense, this game is a fairly interesting tactical simulation of naval warfare. The optimal strategy is simple and pragmatic. Sail directly in front of or behind your opponent so that his guns cannot fire on you. Positioning yourself in this famous 'T' formation usually means the difference between victory and defeat.

In another sense, Broadsides is an arcade game. Because the ship's controls can be made to react so quickly, the captain must continuously give orders. The ship moves and fires in much the same way as any shoot-em up game I have played. But one of this game's most interesting aspects is its 'arcade' option. This option eliminates all of the detailed and more tactically orientated commands. The result is a more arcade like and playable game.



Broadsides has been designed so that it does not become predictable and monotonous after playing it only a couple of times. With several different scenarios, each having its own particular ships, a number of battle situations can be created. In addition, there is an option that allows the captain to design his own ship. Complete with name, gun size and range, a captain is able to build a vessel to suit his own particular style of warfare. However, every design has its limitations. The more and the heavier the guns your ship contains, the slower it will move. I found this option particularly exciting. It adds a dimension that many other games lack. When players are able to design their own ships, they can express their own preferences. In addition, players are able to create a ship that best suits their own strategies.

This game contains some interesting graphics. The main tactical screen displays a horizontal view of your ship. This view will display any visible damage you

have sustained. By allowing you to see what condition your vessel is in, this game creates a more realistic simulation.

Unfortunately, *Broadsides* does have some shortcomings. The most significant of these is the boarding sequence. After the two combatting ships have pulled along side of each other, a new screen will appear and the crews will begin hand to hand fighting. Unfortunately, the captain has little control over what happens after this. He becomes more of a spectator than an participant. In addition, this sequence often lasts too long. As a result, it becomes uninteresting and often monotonous. The second shortcoming is the lack of speed at which the game restarts after a battle has been completed. It seems as though the entire program needs to be reLOADED from the disk in order to play the game again. Although this is only a minor problem, it is sometimes bothersome, particularly if you usually have short battles.

Broadsides is a fairly good blend of tactical naval warfare with fast arcade action. Although the boarding sequence is inadequate, the remainder of the game is well designed. Because the play can be made to progress so quickly, *Broadsides* is interesting even for to those who prefer less involved games.

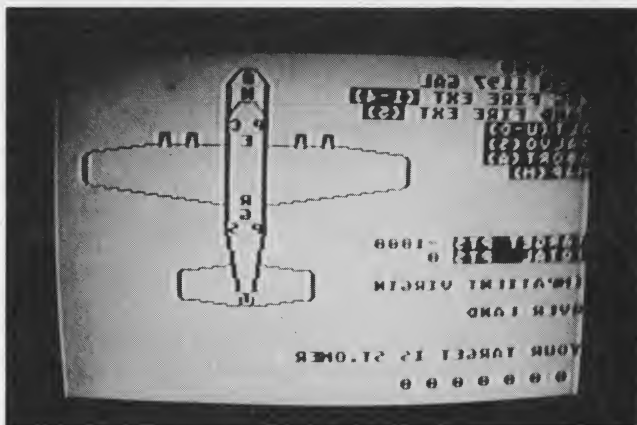
50 Mission Crush SSI

50 Mission Crush, the new game from SSI, puts you at the controls of a B-17 Flying Fortress during World War II. Continental Europe has been over-run by the German army. Using the resources of the occupied countries, Germany has been able to increase its production. As a member of the Allies strategic bombing force you will have the job destroying enemy installations. Sub pens, railroad lines, factories and air fields must be systematically eliminated. Being based in England, you must be able to navigate the channel and identify your target in continental Europe. This, however, is not a simple task. Precise calculations must be made in order to have both the maximum bomb load and enough fuel to reach and to return from the target. Although your bomber can be overloaded, the probability of crashing is increased. Once you have crossed the English channel, German flak will begin to pound the sky and enemy aircraft will begin to strafe your bomber. Much luck and skill is needed in order to complete your 50 assigned, missions.

50 Mission Crush is a fairly good game. The idea of having a role playing game for a B-17 crew is both revolutionary and exciting. It is not often that you see

such an old concept as a role playing game take on a new and refreshing theme. There is much potential for games of this type. Unfortunately, 50 Mission Crush does not take complete advantage of this. Although the graphics for the map of northern Europe are acceptable, the take-off and landing displays are inadequate. A more creative landing routine is needed for a better simulation.

50 Mission Crush does not have the time consuming and sometimes boring formalities of some of the more complex games. The game play is quite fast and does not give you time to loose interest. Although it does not contain fantastic graphic routines, 50 Mission Crush is a little addicting. Maybe it's because of the challenge to reach your target, or the chance to imagine what it would have been like to have flown on one of these bombers, that I just seem to play this game again and again.



Being an introductory role playing game, its design is simple and straightforward — drop your bombs on the target and return. There are not as many strategic options as in other games. Decisions are made in the typical A or B structure. Like a fork in the road, your decision can take only one of two routes. Future decisions are not affected by what you have chosen in the past. The result is a simple, fast moving game that does not require a lot of thought. There is more of a 'go for it and lets see what happens' philosophy than of a strategic theme. As proven by 50 Mission Crush, this is not necessarily bad.

The damage reports add an interesting dimension to the game. The computer has a long list of potential problems to choose from and will use one of them to display what has been damaged after being hit by enemy fire. Each problem reduces your aircraft's ability to function in some capacity. For example, a hit to the fuel tank will cause leakage, or a hit to the controls will make landing difficult. Eliminating many of its original functions, repetitive damage will cripple your aircraft.

50 Mission Crush provides excitement with a scenario found in few other games. Because the game

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Why Buy An ATARI?

By Peter Ellison

Being an Atari computer owner and user I am asked the question over and over again, "Why did you buy an Atari?" My reply, based on my knowledge of Atari and other computers, would be simply, "because it is the best." I've had four friends buy Atari's because of me, and all of them are happy they did so. The reason that I bought an Atari was that I too was influenced by a friend.

If you own an Atari, you know the capabilities and power it has, and if you don't, let me know, and I'll be happy to list them for you.

In the Article, "ROM Goes to the Summer Consumer Electronic Show" I gave quite a long list of just a few of the things that you can expect to see regarding the Atari in the near future. If you haven't read it, do so, and you'll be excited about all the new stuff coming out.

One thing that I didn't mention in the article, but found disturbing, was the fact that a few of the smaller third party software companies were dropping Atari from their product line. When talking to some of the employees of these companies, I found their reasoning hard to understand and am prepared to counter any argument that they might advance. The Atari is the best machine for the money. I've used Apples, Commodores, IBM's, TI's, Radio Shacks, and none of them can compare to Atari.

Now that I've got that off my chest, I can write about what I had planned from the last issue. "Atari Goes Camping." That may appear to be a strange heading, but is in fact quite in order. Atari has set up summer camps all across the country where young people can learn programming on the Atari in a camp atmosphere. There are comfortable dormitories and classrooms, beautiful surroundings, as well as a proximity to major cities and airports. Gymnasiums, pools, tennis courts, green playing fields, spacious lounges, recreation halls, and art facilities await campers at every site. Barbecues, picnics, campfires, movies, and field trips are all part of the camps.

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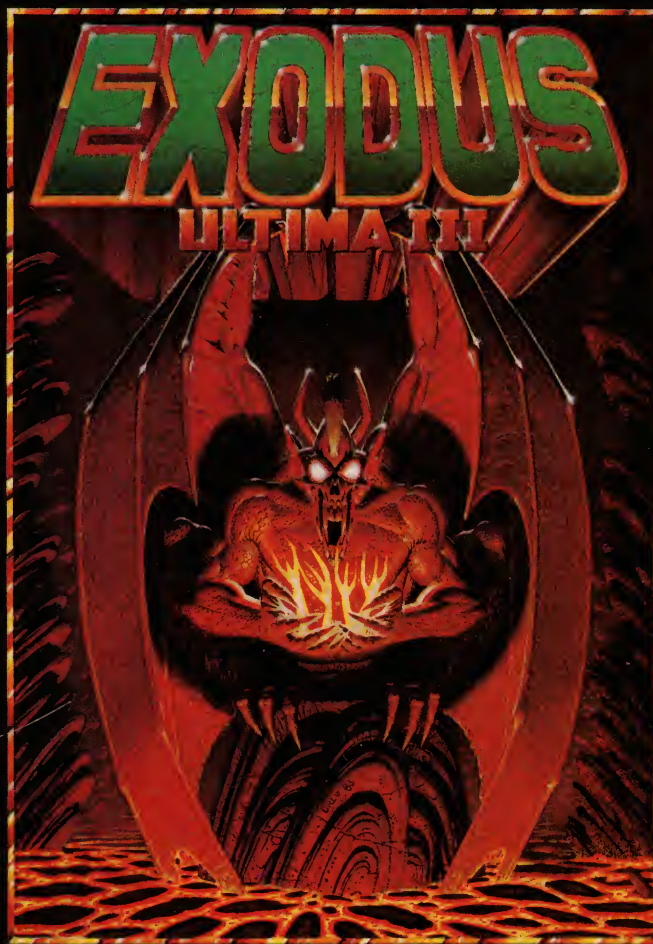
example, the one in Minnesota has a nine hole golf course.

There is instruction on the Atari computer for the beginner, and for the intermediate, and advanced user, thus providing something for everyone. With this in mind, students can feel comfortable at their own level and will not be pressured into anything that may be over their heads. They will learn everything from graphics to sound, and from Basic to Pilot, thus becoming more familiar with programming. For more information call 800/847-4180 toll free in the US (except New York State) or 212/889-5200 in New York State or outside the US.

This is just a small look at what is happening this summer. In the next issue I will be having a look at the peripherals and hardware available for the Atari.



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BOOKS ON THE SHELF

Shortcut Through Adventureland Reviewed by Gabe Torok

Psst! Yes, you there! Tired of trying to get the key out of the crevasse without knowing that the only way is with a magnet? Want to know where to find the magnet? How badly do you want to know how to get into Hades, or perhaps the shortcut to the Treasury of Zork? Do you know what to do when you get into the Control Bubble in Starcross? How long have you puzzled over the helicopter in Planetfall?

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If you ever cheated on school exams, or wish to add years to your life, I know which you'd choose. You would be one of many to join the ranks of those who may not have cheated on exams, but got so frustrated when they got hung up at a given point in a game, that they're still trying to iron out the teethmarks on the disk. (This process is not recommended)

Map making is an art lost to very few gamers. It's only natural! We've mapped the face of this Earth, the ocean bottoms, and any other transient place that stood still long enough to be mapped. But this book already provides the map! It was hard to accept a map to the land of Zork! Why? Because once it's mapped by someone else, it's no longer a land of imagination, it is tangible, almost as real as California. (Any resemblance between the land of Zork and California is purely accidental.) I have, to date, seen four different maps of Zork I, showing all the same rooms, passages, etc., yet none resembled the other.

I recommend that you make your own maps, fight your own way through the adventures, save your game frequently, and if you REALLY get stuck and are about to disfigure your disk in sheer frustration, pick up your copy of "A Shortcut Through Adventureland", close the curtains, and cheat!

There are two volumes, both are intended to cut down the need for Vallium;

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The Book of ATARI SOFTWARE 1984 Reviewed by Peter Ellison

This book, reviewing programs up to 1984, is a good reference book for software. It reviews nineteen different categories from Fantasy & Role Playing Games to Business related software for the Atari computer, 5200 and 2600 game systems.

All programs that are reviewed must go through a series of checks such as difficulty or ease of use, value for money, graphics quality, etc. They are rated by a letter grade, where A+ means superior and F means unacceptable. This all makes sense until you analyze the grading. I must admit there are many poor programs but I believe this book grades many good ones badly. There is an inconsistency that I think happens because of the large number of reviewers working on staff. There are 43 in total, not counting numerous Editors. Some of their ratings were right on, but others did not correspond to the nature or quality of the games being rated.

There has to be more consistency to make a book like this effective. It is good if you just want to see what type of software is available and what the programs are like, but "Don't take the ratings too seriously."



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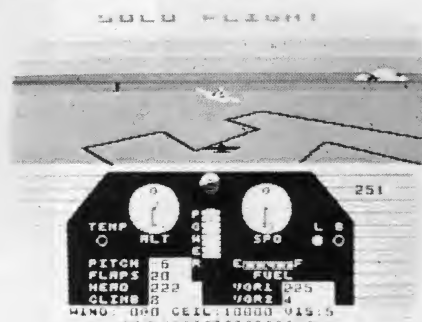
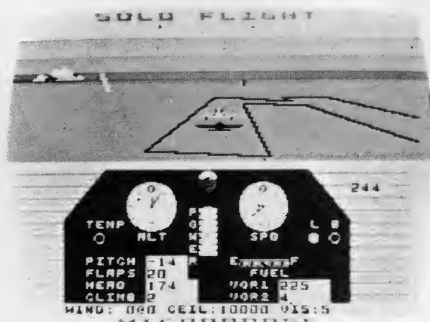
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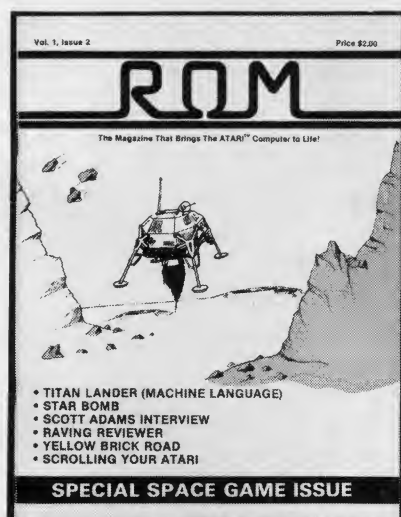
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 305-266-4143 Rat's Nest, YBBS
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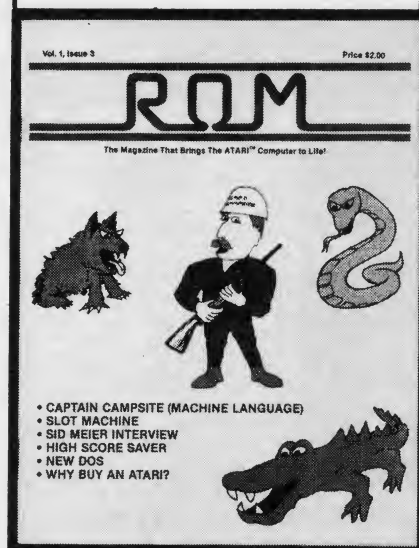
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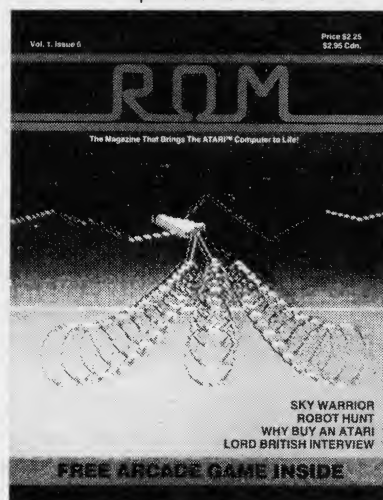
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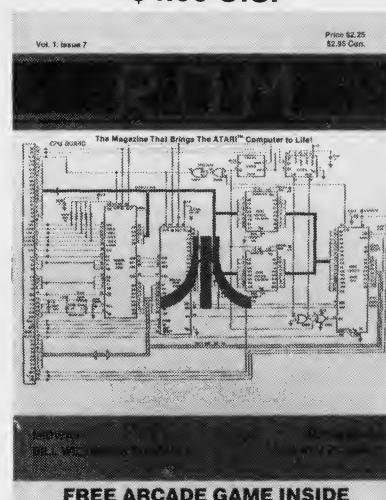
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SKY BOMBER

by Tom Tran

"So you want to be a bomber pilot, aye?"

"Yes, that's what I've been training for these past four years."

"First, you must go through a small test to see if you have what it takes."

"What kind of test?"

"You must fly your B-52 bomber over one of our old Canadian warships and sink it. The thing that makes this test so much fun, is that you'll be shot at from the deck of the battleship. Also, a time limit is put on your mission, so you'd better sink the ship quickly, or you'll have to start on a new ship. You got all that?"

"O.K., sounds great to me, when do I start?"

"Right this minute, here's your joystick, and good luck. I'll be the one on the battleship shooting up at you."



"Sky Bomber" is a game that is played simultaneously by two players. One player controls the bomber and the other the battleship. The plane flies across the screen from left to right, and by moving the joystick up and down it can be flown higher and lower above the ship. To drop bombs all you have to do is to push the fire button. This will release a bomb that will plummet to the surface. The bombs fall in an elliptical path because of the plane's speed. When dropping bombs, be careful not to fly down too fast because it is possible to blow up your own plane.

The object of the player in the plane is to blow a hole directly through the ship. This usually takes about three hits to a single spot on the ship. Once a hole is right through, it only takes one more bomb in the same place and the ship will sink. The sinking of the ship will switch the players positions so that the one who was the plane becomes the ship and vice versa.

On the ship the strategy is a little different. Your

object is to shoot down the bomber with a three directional anti-aircraft gun. To fire it, push the joystick either left, right or up. This will determine the direction. Next push the red button and a bullet will be propelled to wherever the gun was pointed. Remember, the plane's objective is to sink you before the time runs out. If it doesn't, you get a new ship. So try to hit the plane and delay your destruction. Also in the sky is a small helicopter that can be hit for bonus points, but the most points are for hitting the bomber.

The game begins with a hi-score table showing who won each game. Since your running it for the first time it will not show any score but zero. This can be used if you're playing a number of games. This game was written in BASIC, and by redefining the ATARI's character set, was made to look quite attractive. Because it was written in BASIC, action is a little slow, but if you had a Basic Compiler you could get this program to run a lot faster. Have fun and happy bombing!

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1 REM ....ROM MAGAZINE
2 REM ....SKY BOMBER
3 REM ....WRITTEN BY Tom Tuong T
  ran
4 REM
10 DIM B$(3):GOTO 1000
50 F1=N0:DIR=40:G=PEEK(GUN):IF G=
N11 THEN DIR=41
51 IF G=N7 THEN DIR=39
55 F=GUN-DIR:POKE F,N15:FIRE=N1:F
OR W=10 TO 30:SOUND 0,W,10,12:NEX
T W:SOUND 0,0,0,0:RETURN
60 POKE F,F1:F=F-DIR*2:F1=PEEK(F)
:F2=PEEK(F+DIR)
61 IF F1=6 OR F2=6 THEN R1=123:GO
TO 70
62 IF F1=4 OR F2=4 THEN R2=123:GO
TO 70
63 IF F1=5 OR F2=5 THEN FIRE=N0:E
=F:BOMB=N0:POKE B0,N0:SC1=100:GOS
UB 700:RETURN
64 IF F2=126 OR F2=127 THEN FIRE=
N0:E=H1:H1=SC+160:SC1=20:GOSUB 70
0:RETURN
65 IF F1<>N0 THEN FIRE=N0:RETURN

66 POKE F,N15:RETURN
70 FI=N1:FIRE=N0:SC1=50:RETURN
100 Y=4+INT(RND(0)*10):X=0:R1=6:R
2=4:F1=N0:RETURN
110 SOUND 2,20,8,6:POKE PL,N0:POK

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E PL1,N0:X=X+1:Y=Y+DY:PL=SC+40*Y+
X:PL1=PL+1:PL2=PEEK(PL):PL3=PEEK(
PL1)
120 IF PL2=126 OR PL3=126 OR PL2=
127 OR PL3=127 THEN E=PL1+(-40*DY
):PL=E:PL1=E+1:GOSUB 100:H1=SC+40
*4:GOTO 700
125 IF PL3=15 THEN R2=123:GOTO 70

130 IF PL2<>N0 OR PL3<>N0 THEN E=
PL1+(-40*DY):PL=E:PL1=E+1:GOSUB 1
00:GOTO 700
200 POKE PL,R1:POKE PL1,R2:DY=N0:
ST2=STICK(P2):IF ST2=14 THEN DY=-
1
205 IF FI THEN I=I+1:IF I>4 THEN
I=0:E=PL1:GOSUB 100:FI=N0:GOTO 70
0
210 IF ST2=13 THEN DY=N1
220 IF PL/2=INT(PL/2) THEN POKE H
1,N0:POKE H2,N0:H1=H1+1:H2=H1+1:G
OTO 240
230 FOR W=1 TO 10-FIRE*10:NEXT W:
SOUND 2,0,0,0:RETURN
240 IF H1>H3 THEN H1=SC+40*4
250 POKE H1,126:POKE H2,127:RETUR
N
300 S2=10:IN=42:BO=PL+40:POKE BO,
5:BOMB=N1:RETURN
310 S2=S2+2:SOUND N0,S2,10,S2/10+
2:POKE BO,N0:BO=BO+IN:B1=PEEK(BO)

315 IF B1=27 THEN SOUND 0,0,0,0:G
OTO 370
320 IF B1=N15 THEN BOMB=N0:FIRE=N
0:E=BO:SOUND N0,0,0,0:GOTO 700
325 IF B1=63 THEN POSITION 12,10:
? "SHIP IS SINKING":BOMB=N0:SOUND
0,0,0,0:E=BO:GOSUB 700:GOTO 360

330 IF B1<>N0 THEN BOMB=N0:E=BO:S
OUND N0,0,0,0:GOTO 700
340 POKE BO,5:C=C+1:IF C>1 AND IN
>40 THEN IN=IN-1:C=0
350 RETURN
360 POSITION 12,10:? "
    ":SH(SH)=SH(SH)-1:GOTO 410
370 BOMB=N0:V=BO-IN:POKE V,124:PO
KE V+1,70:POKE V-1,71:FOR K=1 TO
20:NEXT K:POKE V,0:POKE V+1,0:POK
E V-1,0:RETURN
400 POSITION 0,0:? N1$;"":0000000
BY: TOM TRAN" ";N2$;"":0000000":D
$="
    " YOU ARE ON SHIP
    "
410 D$(12,15)=N1$:GOSUB 900:SH=1:

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P1=0:P2=1:D$(12,15)=N1$:IF SH(1)<
SH(2) THEN P1=1:P2=0:SH=2:D$(12,1
5)=N2$
415 POSITION 39,1:? SH(SH):IF SH(
1)=0 AND SH(2)=0 THEN POSITION 15
,10:? "GAME OVER":GOTO 8000
417 SOUND 3,140,12,4:IF C2>1 THEN
460
420 POSITION 0,10:FOR W=1 TO 36:P
OKE 85,W:? "&$";:FOR K=1 TO 20:NE
XT K:POKE 85,W:? D$(W,W);:NEXT W

425 E=SC+437:GOSUB 700:POSITION 3
7,10:SOUND 3,0,0,0:SOUND 1,4,8,3

430 FOR W=37 TO 1 STEP -1:POKE 85
,W:? "½]";:FOR K=1 TO 20:NEXT K:P
OKE 85,W:? " ";
435 POKE 85,W:? " ";:SOUND 2,20,
8,6:NEXT W:C2=C2+1:GOTO 490
460 POSITION 0,10:? D$:FOR K=1 TO
500:NEXT K:POSITION 10,10:? "
    "
490 SOUND 3,140,12,4:POKE 19,0:GO
SUB 100
500 REM          MAIN PROGRAM
550 GOSUB 110:ST1=STICK(P1):IF ST
1<>N15 THEN GOSUB 800
560 IF STRIG(P1)=N0 AND NOT FIRE
THEN GOSUB 50
570 IF FIRE THEN GOSUB 60
580 IF STRIG(P2)=N0 AND NOT BOMB
THEN GOSUB 300
585 IF BOMB THEN GOSUB 310
595 L=PEEK(19):POKE TI-L,64:IF L>
=28 THEN GOSUB 900:POKE 77,0:POKE
19,0
600 GOSUB 110:GOTO 500
700 E(1)=E-39:E(2)=E-41:E(3)=E-40
:E(4)=E-80:E(5)=E+80:E(6)=E+2:E(7
)=E-2:E(8)=E+41:E(9)=E+39:E(10)=E
+40:S1=N0
705 FOR K=1 TO 10:T(K)=PEEK(E(K))
:NEXT K:V=128:GOSUB 750:V=125:GOS
UB 750:V=253:GOSUB 750:V=N0:GOSUB
750
710 FOR K=1 TO 10:POKE E(K),T(K):
NEXT K:FOR W=0 TO 2:SOUND W,0,0,0
:NEXT W:SC(SH)=SC(SH)+SC1:G=SC(SH
):C1=0
730 GOSUB 9000:POSITION PO(SH)-C1
,N0:? SC(SH):SC1=0:RETURN
750 POKE E,V:GOSUB 5000:POKE E+1,
V:POKE E-1,V:POKE E(3),V:POKE E(1
0),V:GOSUB 5000
760 FOR K=1 TO 10:POKE E(K),V:NEX

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Sky Bomber (cont'd)

T K:FOR Q=1 TO 30:NEXT Q:RETURN

800 IF ST1=14 OR ST1=11 OR ST1=7
THEN POKE GUN,ST1

810 RETURN

900 POSITION 0,1:?"*****

*****":TIME=SC+40+31:PO

KE N82,N11:POSITION N11,16

910 ? " -14 "

920 ? " 11 "

930 ? " 11 "

940 ? " 11 "

950 ? " 11 "

960 ? " 11 "

970 ? " 11 ";

POKE N82,N0:POSITION N0,23

980 ? ";;;;;;;;;;

":RETURN

990 GOTO 990

1000 DIM P1\$(20),D\$(45),SH(2),E(1
1),T(11),SC(2),PO(2),N1\$(3),N2\$(3
) ,W\$(40),L1\$(40),L2\$(40),H1(10),H
2(10),W(10)

1001 CH=PEEK(106)-8:CHSET=CH*256:
POKE 204,CH:POKE 206,224

1002 FOR K=1 TO 20:READ B:P1\$(K,K
)=CHR\$(B):NEXT K:K=USR(ADR(P1\$))

1003 DATA 104,162,4,160,0,177,205
,145,203,200,208,249,230,206,230,
204,202,208,242,96

1004 READ A:IF A=-1 THEN 2000

1005 FOR J=0 TO 7:READ B:POKE CHS
ET+A*8+J,B:NEXT J

1006 GOTO 1004

1007 DATA 5,65,85,85,34,20,20,20,
8

1008 DATA 4,0,0,124,254,175,190,1
60,128

1009 DATA 5,65,85,85,34,20,20,20,
8

1010 DATA 6,0,192,224,225,255,126
,10,10

1011 DATA 7,0,0,0,3,7,14,28,60

1012 DATA 11,0,0,0,192,224,112,56
,60

1013 DATA 13,0,0,0,0,126,0,0,0

1014 DATA 14,0,0,24,24,24,24,24,6
0

1015 DATA 15,0,0,0,0,0,24,24,0

1016 DATA 27,136,170,170,170,170,
170,170,170

1017 DATA 60,0,255,24,56,124,239,
239,127

1018 DATA 61,255,12,12,62,127,255
,159,254

1019 DATA 63,119,170,170,170,170,
170,170,170

1020 DATA 64,170,170,136,0,0,136,
170,170

1021 DATA 80,24,126,24,24,153,219
,255,60

1022 DATA 86,208,85,85,85,85,85,8
5,197

1023 DATA 88,120,239,215,171,85,1
71,239,135

1024 DATA 89,20,84,84,84,84,84,84
,64

1025 DATA 96,170,170,136,85,85,13
6,170,170

1026 DATA 123,16,20,85,85,85,85,2
0,0

1027 DATA 125,170,170,170,170,170
,170,170,170

1028 DATA 126,255,48,48,120,252,2
55,248,127

1029 DATA 127,0,255,24,24,124,238
,239,254

1030 DATA -1

2000 GRAPHICS 0:POKE 752,1:POKE 7
56,CH:SC=PEEK(88)+256*PEEK(89):GU
N=SC+735:H1=SC+40*4:H3=H1+37:N11=
11:N7=7

2005 N0=0:N1=1:N82=82:N10=10:POKE
752,1:TI=SC+73:PO(1)=11:PO(2)=40

2007 FOR W=1 TO 10:W1=3*W:W2=W1+2
:L1\$(W1,W2)="PL1":L2\$(W1,W2)="PL2
":W\$(W1,W2)="NOT":H1(W)=0:H2(W)=0
:W(0)=0:NEXT W

2010 GRAPHICS 0:POKE 756,CH:POKE
752,1:LBYTE=PEEK(560):HBYTE=PEEK(
561):SCREEN=LBYTE+HBYTE*256+4

2020 POKE SCREEN-1,64+7

2030 FOR K=1 TO 5:POKE SCREEN+K+1
,6:NEXT K

2040 FOR K=1 TO 16:POKE SCREEN+K+
6,2:NEXT K

2050 FOR K=1 TO 1:POKE SCREEN+K+2
2,6:NEXT K

2060 POKE SCREEN+24,65:POKE SCREE
N+25,LBYTE:POKE SCREEN+26,HBYTE:S
ETCOLOR 2,N0,N0

2065 POKE N82,0:POSITION 4,0:?"S
KY BOMBER":?" BY: TOM TUONG TRAN
":POKE N82,2:?" score table"

2070 ? " _____
":?"NAME1 SCORE NAME2 SCORE WINN
ER"

2071 ? " _____
"


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2072 FOR W=1 TO 10:W1=3*W:W2=W1+2
:?" ";L1$(W1,W2);" 00000 ";L2$(
(W1,W2);" 00000 ";W$(W1,W2);"
":NEXT W
2073 ? "

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" :POKE N82,0:?" :? "

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2074 ? "PRESS START TO BEGIN"
2075 FOR W=1 TO 10:G=H1(W):C1=0:G
OSUB 9000:POSITION 15-C1,5+W:?" H1
(W):G=H2(W):C1=0:GOSUB 9000:POSIT
ION 29-C1,5+W
2076 ? H2(W):NEXT W

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2080 D$="          1/2] = 10 POI
NTS          ":GOSUB 3999

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2090 D$="          &$ = 50 POI
NTS          ":GOSUB 3999

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2100 D$="          % = 100 POI
NTS          ":GOSUB 3999:G

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OTO 2080

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2400 POSITION 2,17:?"PLAYER #1 N
AME ";:INPUT N1$

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2410 POSITION 2,17:?"
      ":POSITION 2,17:?"

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"PLAYER #2 NAME ";:INPUT N2$
2420 IF N1$="" OR N2$="" THEN N1$
="PL1":N2$="PL2":C2=0:TRAP 2430

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2430 POSITION 2,17:?"HOW MANY SH
IP DO YOU WANT (1-9) ";:INPUT Z:S
H(2)=Z:SH(1)=Z:IF SH(1)>9 OR SH(1
)<1 THEN 2430

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2500 N15=15:N14=14:SC(1)=10:SC(2)
=10:GRAPHICS 0:SETCOLOR 2,0,0:POK
E 752,1:POKE 756,CH:GOTO 400

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3999 POSITION 0,17

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4000 FOR W=1 TO 36:POKE 85,W:?"&
$";:FOR K=1 TO 10

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4010 IF PEEK(53279)=6 THEN POSITI
ON NO,17:?"

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      ":GOTO 2400

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4020 NEXT K:POKE 85,W:?" D$(W,W);:
NEXT W:?" :+ " :RETURN

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5000 FOR W=1 TO 5:S1=S1+5:VOL=14-
S1/20:SOUND NO,S1,0,VOL:SOUND N1,
S1,8,VOL:SOUND N2,S1+15,2,VOL:NEX
T W:RETURN

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8000 FOR W=0 TO 3:SOUND W,0,0,0:N
EXT W:WIN=SC(2):B$=N2$:IF SC(1)>S
C(2) THEN WIN=SC(1):B$=N1$

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8001 IF SC(1)=SC(2) THEN B$="TID"

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8002 IF WIN>W(10) THEN W(10)=WIN:
L1$(30,33)=N1$:L2$(30,33)=N2$:W$(
30,33)=B$:H1(10)=SC(1):H2(10)=SC(
2)

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8016 REM -SORTING-SUBROUTINE-----

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8017 REM

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8020 FOR W=1 TO 9:MAX=W(W):H=W:FO
R J=W TO 10:IF MAX<W(J) THEN MAX=
W(J):H=J

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8025 NEXT J

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8030 T=H1(W):B$=L1$(3*W,W*3+2):H1
(W)=H1(H):L1$(3*W,3*W+2)=L1$(H*3,
3*H+2):H1(H)=T:L1$(3*H,H*3+2)=B$

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8035 T=H2(W):B$=L2$(3*W,W*3+2):H2
(W)=H2(H):L2$(3*W,3*W+2)=L2$(H*3,
3*H+2):H2(H)=T:L2$(3*H,3*H+2)=B$

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8036 T=W(W):W(W)=W(H):W(H)=T:B$=W
$(3*W,W*3+2):W$(3*W,3*W+2)=W$(H*3,
3*H+2):W$(3*H,3*H+2)=B$

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8040 NEXT W:GOTO 2010

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9000 IF G>0.99 THEN G=G/N10:C1=C1
+N1:GOTO 9000

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9005 IF C1=0 THEN C1=1

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9010 RETURN

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DATA CHECK

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0 REM DATA CHECK SKY BOMBER

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1 DATA 6946,538,465,788,499,364,1
27,488,864,107,374,372,164,714,25
4,494,149,185

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110 DATA 7140,681,667,100,816,395
,245,599,531,473,754,274,268,160,
469,20,199,489

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340 DATA 7055,317,851,489,259,592
,50,769,233,83,47,995,636,664,462
,27,516,65

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570 DATA 8395,697,108,743,448,451
,977,484,625,878,83,246,245,852,6
8,53,989,448

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940 DATA 8928,964,109,513,644,341
,856,692,506,28,323,779,237,928,8
84,125,886,113

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1011 DATA 7494,662,956,639,860,64
6,376,190,240,380,166,179,129,346
,17,298,987,423

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1028 DATA 8835,349,240,791,464,95
0,737,166,508,745,797,794,392,243
,202,173,585,699

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2074 DATA 9536,966,917,275,162,83
2,660,107,80,679,945,728,266,992,
654,502,96,675

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8001 DATA 6991,8,668,443,655,812,
819,440,453,158,427,821,386,901

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JAKE

THE SOFTWARE DUDE

by Jason Cockroft

I was on the bus, high-tailing my way to the office, wondering what would be in store for me next. (I was a little late.) Hmm, could it be another pay cut or maybe another "clean up your act" speech? I just didn't know. Things weren't going so smoothly since the great defeat I had at the hands of T.R.R. two months ago.

When I stepped into the office I knew that there was something wrong right away. T.R.R. gave me an unusually pleasant "Good Morning" as I sauntered on in. While wandering over to my desk, I found the cause of my worries. It was some young kid sitting there, dressed in a suit and tie.

"A good top of the morning to you, sir!," he said.

"What in the blazes are you doing at my desk?" I growled.

"I thought I'd tidy up your desk for you sir."

"Don't call me... GET OUT'A HERE!," I screamed.

This was all a little too much for this dude to put up with on a Monday morning. I went straight to the editor.

When I swung open the door, I was to find the Editor and T.R.R. in conference.

"Did you know that there's some college boy at my desk?" I asked. At that time I heard a wimpy little knock on the office door.

"I would like you to meet your new co-reviewer, Thomas Fuller", stated the Editor.

"*@+ #?%!! CO-REVIEWER?"

The Editor insisted, "In the interest of the magazine, at all times we must have the top possible personnel in all departments. The recent rumours that J.S.D. is not achieving high scores at the arcade could hurt us. Therefore, we have hired this top scoring college freshman to give the column a little respectability."

This made my stomach churn. The Editor told me to take the rest of the day off. I suppose he knew I would take this like a computer without a joystick.

When I got home I noticed "Miss Quick Game", or, as she prefers to be called, Diana Giles, (I settled on D.G.), cleaning up my basement. "Give me a break, D.G.. Leave my basement alone!"

"Oh J.S.D., you'll never change. Anyways, I've got something great to show you. I was down at Al's

software, and I bought this great new game called Mig Alley Ace."

"Gimme here", I demanded.

I plugged that guy in, and my first impression was "Fantastic!" Sixteen months ago I reviewed Hellcat ACE. At that time I thought that it was one of the greatest pieces of software on the market (see issue 2). After playing this, you begin to understand what great advancements in software have taken place over the last year and a half. Anyhow, this is similar to Hellcat ACE, yet, with one major difference; the screen is split horizontally, showing not one, but two displays of both the console and the horizon of each jet. With this basic format, the author, Andy Hollis, has expanded the game to its full potential. You can play one on one, or, as a team, and even "accidentally" shoot down your partner. Great fun!

Not only the playability but also the graphics are superior in Mig Alley Ace. Watching those Migs bank and weave gives the user a wild G-force effect. Yet, while the game has been much improved, it still contains great original features such as climbing into the sun and blinding your enemy. Speaking of the enemy, I found he also shows new originality in slipping out of my sights. This tests the skills of even the advanced software dude.

I should further add, the game has five different scenarios which change its pace. Each contains different types of enemies including bombers, transports, and fighters.

"Not too bad, D.G., this gives me an idea. I'll meet you down at Ralph's burgers at 7:00 pm", I said. She agreed.

I once again jumped on the bus and headed back to the ROM office. When I arrived, I noticed there was a '69 Rambler sitting in my ol' parking spot. I had a hunch that it belonged to that Thomas guy. My plans brewed some more. When I walked into the office, I found Tom-boy answering my fan mail. That was it! It was time to make my move. I called the Editor and T.R.R. over.

"We're going to make a little wager here", I boasted, "how 'bout betting my Atari 800XL against your Rambler over a match of Mig Alley Ace?"

"Well sir, Ah..., yes."

T.R.R. interrupted, "Since the stakes are so high,

how about putting your jobs on the line?"

"You're pretty confident in that goof, eh...?" I asked thoughtfully.

"I should be, he is my cousin", declared T.R.R.

"Uh hu, I knew it." I added.

I glared over at Tom-boy, and he agreed on the



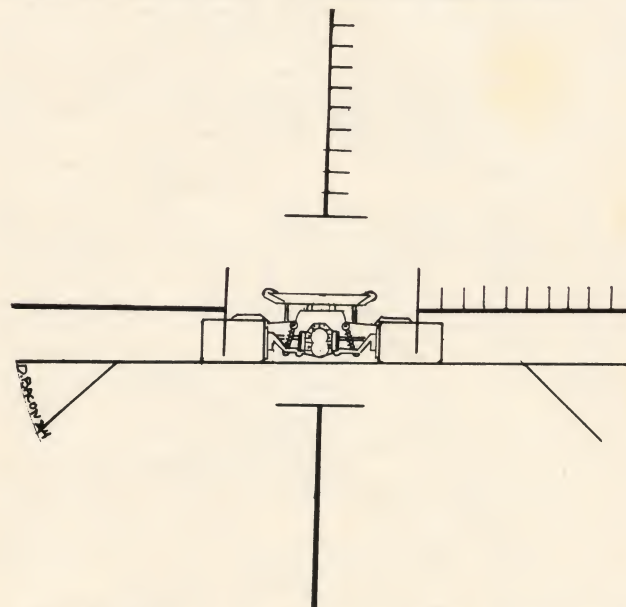
stakes. The Ed., gave a hesitant nod.

The game was short and to the point. It took a good three minutes. I blazed his tail so quickly he had no time to even make an excuse. I looked over at him as he stared at the console. He started, "Well ah..., sir..."

"The keys", I snarled.

I turned to T.R.R. and told him to get his snivelling little cousin out of there.

I sat back at my newly acquired desk, broke out a six pack, and laughed a good one. I noticed T.R.R. on the other side of the office opening his fan mail. He looked over and said, "I'm still NUMBER ONE!"



I had nothing to say. I looked at my watch and it was a quarter to nine. Oh well, I was late again.

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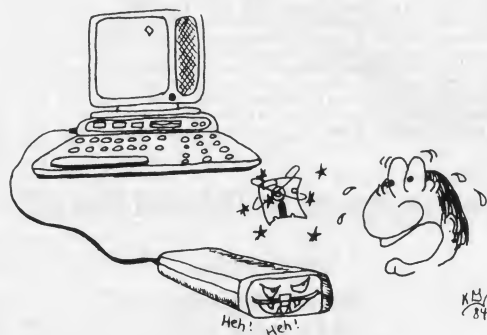
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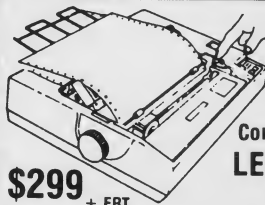
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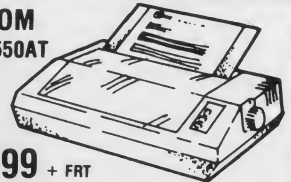


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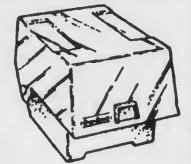


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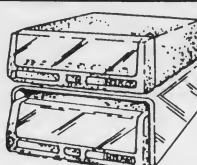
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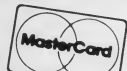
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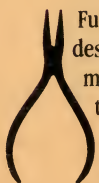
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